TOC. H.

NEWS SHEET

No.1. MAY 1921.

number of keen Members have properly strafed Headquarters time to time for not pro- ng hitherto anything in the of a periodical Journal.

nscious as we are of one ber's deficiencies, it must be, ted that there has been a in amount of excuse for this re. First there is the ex- of printing; then the problem tting it written; then the se of getting it circulated; the difficulty of getting it rather than covered with r.

best thing obviously is to a start in a small way with hing equivalent to a Corps In- gence Summary in the early days, oing within the area of one the entirely unofficial news overwhelming victory by the ans: the fact that an enemy r was observed cleaning his at D.E.28.C.5.Don.; and the that dogs are prohibited to nits; coupled with a note of- g a Reward for the return of amp Commandant's terrier.

s then is the kind of News we contemplate. It will r just be cyclostyled, or ved on the Registrar's home- Printing Press. Copies of irst number will be circulate l the London Membership who p. to date with their subscri and copies to Branch Secret- throughout. If on receipt of these, enough people want something better, and guarantee a sufficient sale to cover cost, No.2 shall be printed.

As a Supplement to No.2 will be issued a tract on our Toc H., Pilgrimage to Ypres at Whitsuntide; and a pretty paper patern for a "bib" will probably be given away with our third number. If most of the news in the present Number concerns more immediately our London Membership, the Provinces can very easily remedy this by contributions to No.2 with their pens as well as their pence.

Now here goes for a start. First of all then, some details about our Summer Camp:-

TOC. H., WEEK-END CAMP.

Under the direction of the Club Committee, arrangements have now been made for the provision of a standing Week-end Camp open to all Toc H., Members, and if room is available, to their friends.

The following are the provisional details at present available:- The camping ground is situated at Stanmore in the Rectory Grounds adjoining the garden. The Rectory is opposite Stanmore Church at the bottom of Stanmore Hill. The route by which it may best be reached is by Underground to Kilburn Park Station, and thence to Stanmore by 142 'bus, with which

you part company at the bottom of the Hill. The cost of the entire journey return fare is 2/4d.

Four tents given us by Miss Romanes will be pitched on May 28th and left standing from that date. The heavier equipment, such as ground sheets, some folding beds, blankets, kitchen utensils etc., will be left on the spot.

The first week-end Camp will be held MAY 28th.-30th.

Apart from the journey and the provision of rations (towards the cost of which each Member wil contribute in cash or kind) no expense will be incurred.

The Acting Camp Commandant, who will be solely in charge unless the work grows too heavy, is W.T. James, M.C., whose address is Mark 11 House, 123 St. George's Square, S.W.1., All enquiries and communications concerning the Camp should be addressed direct to him. Members who desire to go should send in their names to him not later than Wednesday in each week, in order that the necessary arrangements may be made.

Those who wish to play Golf on Saturday afternoon may do so, provided they notify him not later than Wednesday, and a guide will be on the spot to show all who are in doubt the way from Stanmore Village, provided the time of their arrival is stated and adhered to.

The Rector of Stanmore has very kindly offered the use of his Tennis Court to all Campers, both for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Those who intend to play Tennis must, of course, bring the necessary ket with them.

Further details concerning the Camp arrangements will be discu at the next Club Committee Mee on Tuesday, June 7th., at Mark 11 8 p.m. All suggestions for c sideration should reach the Ca Commandant or any other Member the Committee, before that date.

SOME DETAILS ABOUT THE TOC

BLAZER & BUTTONS.

By the kind permission of the Mayor of Ypres, Toc H., has now authority to use the Coat of Ar of Ypres upon our Club blazers. These are now available in good flannel at a very cheap rate in and in four sizes:- 36". Chest, 40" and 42". Blazer with Ypre crest on pocket, 40/-: blazer wi Toc H., buttons, and pocket left for School or College crest, 32/ Toc H., buttons alone, i.e., for taching to a blazer that is alr an old friend, 6d. each.

Orders for these should be se direct to the live wire who has made all these arrangements pos N.L. Haynes, Mark 11, House, 123 St George's Square, S.W.1.

It is suggested that during summer months at least these bl should be worn in the Houses Guest Nights, and at any other when convenient, and that local Branches (if they feel inclined adopt them) should wear them si larly at their Meetings, as an o ward symbol of Unity within.

The blazer is serviceable at various times and places, and ca with it a satisfactory sense th you have finished your work wh you have'nt. Fancy all this f 40/-!!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

want also to know about er holidays generally, and t two points in particular. t, there is sure to be plenty oom in the three Houses dur- the months of July and st for visitors coming to on either for work or play. ave now nearly 100 beds at disposal between the three es, so that you can pick your e, or simply try all in turn.

can also, I think, guarantee people who want to be quiet work shall have real oppor- ties of doing so. As to the lem of costs, Toc H., is cer- ly cheaper than anything of kind in London.

shall probably be able in Summer to extend the Hos- lity of the Houses to Mom- friends in certain cases. problem of going and coming reached too big a stage now e dealt with by me personally. right course if you wish to ong my life is to write ight to the Secretary at the concerned, and he and the en of the House will get out brass band and the purple et.

ondly, owing to the growing er of small white boxes ed like pieces of rationed se, and containing cake of the estible kind, which arrive ost, I gather that a number ur Senior Members are likely e interested in a proposal has been made for a second rimage to Ypres in July or st, to include their better es. This again depends on number of applications that come in. The cost per head would be heavier than at Whitsuntide, as more provision would have to be made for comfort - probably it would cost even then not more than £8 to £9 a head for the week-end of the August holiday.

MARK 111.

The attention of London Members is also drawn to the following items:-

1. Mark 111 House at 148 York Road, Lambeth, is open and colonised from May 21st. the exact date on which three years ago the House in Poperinghe was closed temporarily by the order of the 2nd. Corps.

No official Guest Night will be established at Mark 111, for the time being at least, but all Members who can call there at whatever time will find a ready welcome, and not inconceivably something to eat. They may be certain of it if they telephone beforehand - Hop 1146.

The House stands just behind the new London County Council Palace, opposite a neo-gothic building now consecrated to the storage of Wrigley's Chewing Gum. We hope to have somothing to say about the tenure of this strong point later on.

Meanwhile, the House is ready more or less, and the old piano from Poperinghe, together with some old friends, installed there waiting for you to turn up. H.U. Willink, M.C., is Hon. Warden, G.S. Hoare, Deputy Warden, and B.H. Burrows, Hon. Secretary with Sam Pickles as Major-domo. There are six Guest beds available, and when you have

missed your last train from Waterloo, you cannot do better.

LECTURES.

2. With the coming of Summer, formal Lectures are obviously at a discount, but On Wednesday, May 25th at Mark 1, Mr. Hester will lecture with lantern slides on the nice cool subject of the Esquimaux, and on June 1st. at Mark 1, Mr. Spender, Editor of the Westminster Gazette, will talk on "East and West".

At Mark 11 there will be no formal lectures for the next fortnight, but Mr. Graham and Sir Richard Redmayne are in the offing on the Coal question, and Mr. G.D.C. Cole on Guild Socialism.

Both of our Presidents will, it is hoped, be visiting the Houses shortly: the Archbishop of Canterbury to unveil our Memorial Tablet at Mark 11, and Field - Marshal Lord Plumer to be presented at Mark 1 with the sign-board of Plumer's Road which the Ypres Pilgrimage party rescued out of a shell-hole above Zillebeke.

The Prince of Wales, who has very kindly given us some pictures and books for the Houses, has promised to pay Mark 111 a visit in the early Autumn, before he goes to India.

ANNUAL REPORT.

3. The Annual Report, containing a great deal that it is hoped will make the details both of our expansion and our aims far clearer than has hitherto been possible, both to our Members and supporters, will be ready on May 25th. Copies will be sent to all Members this month but extra copies may be obtained from the Publicity Office at 3a. New Cavendish St. or from the Head Office at Mark 11.

CRICKET.

The Cricket Club opened its s son rather disastrously at Vin Square on Saturday, May 21st., We minster School administering a overwhelming defeat to the tune an innings and 235 runs.

As the Club is still without ground and consequently very fe members are unable to practice, defeat is not surprising.

Scores:-
Westminster, 354 for 5, Declare (J.D.Percival 128, H.R.Munt 93.) Toc H.C.C. 55 (H.W.Turton 24) a 64 (Lowe 6 for 19).

The next match is with St.Mar at New Barnet on June 11th.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The month of May is hardly t time to talk football, but unfor ate men who happen to be Secret of Clubs have to think seriousl this stage, of the coming season

As the Club is still without ground, arrangements must be mad possible, to secure a complete w ture list of away matches. this end in view, strenuous effo are being made to complete the by July, and matches have alread been arranged with Westminster the City of London Schools.

In the event of Toc H., securi ground within the next few mon it is proposed to run a second

Will all Members who desire play and otherwise take an act interest in the Club, please get touch with W.J.Musters at Mark 123 St.George's Square, S.W.1.?

No.2. JULY 1921.

LONDON ARRANGEMENTS FOR JULY AND AUGUST.

On Thursday, 7th. July, at Mark 11 (though we fear this News Sheet y not be in your hands in time for you to regard this as anyng more than past hostory), Mr. F.B.Stacey, Canadian M.P. for British lumbia, and a friend of our Local Correspondent there (Thos. Kirkby) ll be the Guest of the evening. He is to sing for his supper by lking to us afterwards about British Columbia.

On Wednesday, 13th. July, some Pupils of the Benson Dramatic School, kind permission of Lady Benson, will give a performance of "A r of Silk Stockings", preceded at 7.30 p.m. by "The Touch of Truth", the King George's Hall, Caroline Street, Tottenham Court Rd. W.C., e proceeds to be in aid of Toc H. We need not say that H.Q. are ll of a very genuine gratitude to the organisers of this stunt, o have carried it right through without involving in any way rther work on the part of "Tubby" at least, who for his own part es to get back from Wellington College in time to get a seat. is obvious, however, from the way the tickets have been going that ts will not be so easy to get, as they usually are at Charity formances. The price of tickets, including tax, are:- 1/7., 3/6., 5/-., and may be obtained from the Registrar at Mark 11, 123 St. orge's Square, S.W.1., or Sam Pickles, Mark 111, 148, York Rd. Lambeth.

On the following night, (Thursday, 14th.) one of the two Launches ch carried our party to the Boat Race will be at our disposal a River trip that evening. It will hold 35 passengers and the roximate cost will be 3/- a head. The party will assemble at k 11 at 7 p.m. We hope to have leave, if the tide is favourable, the boat to come alongside Vauxhall Bridge landing stage at 5 p.m. Failing this, the nearest landing stage, probably that at. beth, will be used for embarkation. To prevent disappointment, ending passengers should notify the Registrar by 'phone or postd as soon as possible. Visitors may be brought on this trip, and a sufficiently large number of passengers are forthcoming, a ond boat will be requisitioned. The trip will last from 7.15 11 p.m., but it will be possible to leave the boat at any conient landing place before that time.

We shall make a preliminary run up-River until 9 p.m., returning Westminster at 10.15. Those wishing to do so can, however, further company the boat down to the Pool, and return at midnight. Intend- passengers will be wise to remember that the temperature on the nes is low at nights, and should bring rugs or trench-coats as y prefer. Our folding piano will probably be carried, and unless are very careful, a gramophone as well. Supper will be available Mark 11 for those who wish to sit down to it there at 6.45 p.m; provisions on board will be left to private enterprise. This l, we hope, be the first of several such cruises upon what Fleet oet always calls "The liquid history of London".

On Wednesday, 20th. July, at Mark 1, a breaking up Concert will be held at 8.30 p.m., gladly open to visitors of both sexes. We are indebted to the School of Music for the programme which will be reinforced by one or more frivolous items.

On Thursday, 28th. July, General Lord Byng and Lady Byng have promised to give Toc H., an opportunity of saying "Thank You" and "God-speed" before they go to Canada early in August. The actual time that they will be able to spend at Mark 11 on that evening is at present uncertain, but two portions of "fish and chips" will be kept in reserve.

During the course of the evening a presentation of a leather blotting-book (her own choice) will be made to Lady Byng as a tiny token of the gratitude which all Toc H., must feel towards one who from the very first beginning in England has stood by the House with the most generous help and constant sympathy. All Members and their friends are invited to make a note of this date and to be present at Mark 11 for supper at 7.30 p.m., or the Presentation, probably at 8.30 p.m.

This is the programme as it stands at present for July. During August and the first two weeks in September, Concerts, Debates, etc. will be in abeyance. From the latter part of September onwards, a number of highly interesting Meetings are already in the process of arrangement. Mr. G.K. Chesterton, Mr. G.D.C. Cole, Mr. H.G. Wells, Mr. John Masefield, Lt. Col. Sir Maurice P. Hankey, the Rt. Hon. C.W. Bowerman, etc., have been invited and in some cases already accepted our invitation.

The visit of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales to Mark 111 has been confirmed, but the actual date has not yet been fixed.

Members will be deeply concerned to know that our President, Lord Plumer, who had hoped to pay us a visit in July, will now probably be unable to do so, owing to the fact that he is only as yet partially recovered from his operation; but he has written again, expressing his firm intention of visiting Toc H., as soon as maybe, and if possible of joining us for the purpose of laying a wreath at the base of the Cenotaph on Saturday, July 30th., in memory of the opening of the great Flanders offensive the following day in 1917. Headquarters will be glad to receive from Country Members not later than Friday, 29th., flowers for this purpose. Local Branches may in some cases like to send wreaths complete, with the name of the Branch upon them. If a Delegate can possibly bring the wreath in person, he can be gladly welcomed at Mark 11 or Mark 111 for the night on Friday, 29th.

Will all Branches please note that Mark 1., 23 Queens Gate Gardens, will be closed entirely for approximately six weeks from Friday, 29th. July, until Saturday, 10th. September. The object is, of course, to enable the domestic Staff of the three Houses to have a fortnight's holiday in rotation, in accordance with the arrangement of the Warden's Committee.

During these six weeks, therefore, all visitors from the Provinces if we dare to go on speaking of such cities as Manchester and Liverpool as "provincial" - will make for Mark 11 or Mark 111, and such Mark 1 Hostellers as have to survive London in August will transfer their residence for the time being to Mark 11 or Mark 111.

From August 1st. to September 1st. the Rev. H.C. Money, once Chaplain to the New Zealanders, and now at Glasgow, will take over the Chaplaincy of the London Houses, and will be in residence at Mark 11 during most of this time. This is on his part a sheer act of friendship, for which we cannot be too grateful and I know the best way in which our gratitude can be shown is that all and sundry should treat him when they meet him for the first time as if they have known him for twenty years at least.

From Saturday, 6th. August, until Monday, 8th., a Men's Retreat will be held at Heathfield, near Croydon. Those Members of Toc H., who would like to join in this quiet and happy week-end in the open under ideal conditions, should communicate with H.F. Houlder, Esq. M.M., at Cromwell House, Duppas Hill Terrace, Croydon, who will I know, be very glad to invite them. I shall be trying to act as conductor of this Retreat, but only in the firm conviction that we do not come together to hear sermons. There will, however, be on this occasion a very great opportunity for those who can possibly do so, to get the quiet together which we all so badly need for the purpose of placing the whole work of Toc H., in the Light of God's guidance, and of renewing our personal vision and allegiance.

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THE ATHLETIC SIDE OF LIFE.

The prospect of obtaining a really good 8 acre Sports Ground at New Barnet is very rosy.

Negotiations are now in progress and it is hoped that the ground will be available at the beginning of the coming football season, for both "rugger" and "soccer". There will also be room for as many Tennis Courts as required, and an excellent Cricket pitch will be roped off to grow good green turf during the winter months. If the ground passes into possession of Toc H., as is hoped, the summer week-end camp will be transferred there next year.

Barnet may seem to be some way off, but every effort has been made fruitlessly to find something nearer at hand, but it does not exist and this ground is a bargain that is not to be missed. The journey from most parts of London takes just under an hour and the fare at the present increased charges is 2/2½ return.

Members know that a very happy little "soccer" club had quite a glorious first season last winter and did not disgrace itself against any of the well known clubs it met. This coming season a fixture list is now being prepared and it is hoped to run 'A' and 'B' teams, so every modest player will please come forward and take part. How can any man keep fit if he gives up games? It's a mighty poor business to watch others playing. It is hoped to develop the club so that it can hold its own against any side, and possibly enter for some competition in a subsequent season.

"Rugger" has not been started yet, but it is hoped to have a side playing next season. Now is the time to move - nothing will ever happen if Members wait to be written to.

A few away Cricket matches have been played but next year it is intended to have a full fixture list.

Will anyone who can get fixtures at any game, do so please and so help a care worn Secretary? And will all who are the least bit interested, use a postcard, with a 1½d. stamp - please note - and dispatch it to their humble servant, the Secretary, Toc H., Athletic Club, at Mark 11. The more Members of Toc H., who become Members of the Sports Section, the better will it be for the success of the new venture, so please let us hear from you.

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TOC H., CRICKET RESULTS - JUNE 1921

June 11th. Toc H., 39 and 77 for 6 (declared) (Conway 36 not out)
St. Marks, New Barnet, 47 (Burton 5 for 14) and 41 for 3.

June 25th. Toc H., 115 (Bennett 20, Baldock 19 not out),
St. John's, Waterloo Rd. 81 (Chalmers 34).

July 2nd. Toc H., 114 (Sheppard 33, Keble 20), St. John's, 56
(West 25, Burton 7 for 22).

THE INCORPORATION of the CAVENDISH ASSOCIATION with TOC.H.

The result of the referendum which was acrried through during the last week in June was reported to the Club Committee on Monda July 4th. The voting of Members was practically unanimous, only eight votes out of the whole Membership being recorded against th Incorporation, which is, therefore, effective from the Meeting of th Executive on July 5th. Of the Cavendish Membership, some 600 have signified their intention of supporting and becoming full Members of Toc.H., and 200 of becoming supporters of the combined Movement Local Secretaries have been asked to get in touch with Cavendish Correspondents already holding office in various places, and to incorporate this Correspondent as a Member of the Branch Committe

The task of the Correspondent is, as before, to carry on the work of the Social Bureau, which can utilise offers of personal service from those both within and beyond our Membership who apply for such particulars.

During the Autumn a large number of Meetings will be held throughout the country, and a panel of first-rate voluntary speakers for this purpose is in formation. Mr.Barclay Baron, an old Member of Toc H., in Poperinghe, who has been for the past year Travelling Secretary to the Cavendish Association, now becomes a Member of our Staff, and is, needless to say, a tremendous acquisition. (Rather good at laying Linoleum. Ed.) He will, I know, be welcomed by all those who have not yet met him, and for those who have, no words of commendation are necessary.

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CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP BADGES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the benefit of Members who do not already know, may we mention the fact that Membership Badges of Toc H., are now available and may be obtained from the Registrar at Mark 11, 123 St.George's Square on payment of 2/3d. The Badge takes the form of an identity disc and is worn on the wrist. It bears the name of the Member, date of his Membership, and the Club Monogram. Members, when ordering, should state the date on which they were first in Toc H., Poperinghe or Ypres.

A few Membership Subscriptions are now outstanding and we shall be obliged if the Members concerned will "stump" up forthwith and so help to keep our postage a/c.down.

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FUTURE NUMBERS of the NEWS SHEET.

May we once again say that it is proposed to print the News Sheet shortly, providing that sufficient support is forthcoming from Members of Toc H. As it will contain more matter of general interest than the present number, and will only cost about 3d.per copy, there appears to be no financial reason why Members should not order their copies now. The Editor will be pleased to hear from all Members on this subject and also to receive any interesting items of news from Country Branches etc. Now then, what about it?

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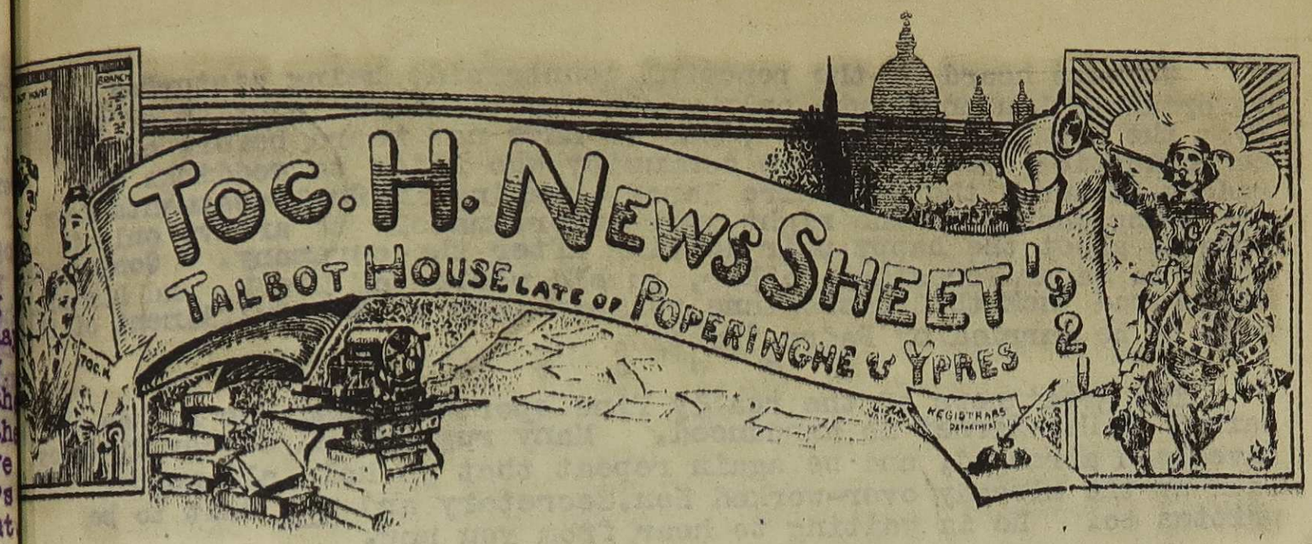

No. III

August 1921

The dark and sturdy chieftain from Africa recently in our midst remarked before leaving, that London had not been as cold as he expected. We are so glad for his sake. But the drought continues and the need for rain more pressing than ever. London Members have been spending much of their spare time taking part in the gentle games of cricker (Toc H's first season), tennis on the Courts most kindly lent, and week-end camps in the beautiful gardens at the Rectory Stanmore, and Julian Cottage, Harrow. Toc H, cannot thank these friends for their hospitality sufficiently.

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A large gathering at Mark I on Wed, July 27th, gave Lord Byng of Vimy, Governor General of Canada and Trustee of Toc H., and Lady Byng of Vimy a rousing farewell. The debt which Toc H. owes to these two gallant people, cannot be weighed - even by "troy" weight. Bon Voyage and every good wish for the great work they are going out to.

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Lord Plumer was unfortunately unable to lay a wreath on the Cenotaph on July 30th, as he hoped to do for Toc H. owing to his slow recovery after his operation. A small party, including a contingent bound for the Duke of York's Camp, quietly met there with some flowers, on the Saturday afternoon, at the time of Gilbert Talbot's death in 1915.

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Lady Benson's Dramatic School gave many Members and friends a delightful evening on July 18th in the King George's Hall, Caroline Street. "A Pair of Silk Stockings" was excellent, and this was preceded by a very fine rendering of a scene from Richard III. All praise and gratitude to Sam Pickles and the castes who took part.

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Many Members are most grateful for several very enjoyable evenings to Miss Graves and Members of the Royal College of Music, who have given delightful Concerts at Mark I each Wednesday during July. Miss Coates and friends gave a splendid "breaking-up". Concert on July 27th. (We understand that there is still a little furniture left at Mark I.-Ed.) The same evening Sam Pickles again entertained Members with an excellent rendering of A.A.Milne's "The Boy comes Home."

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On Armistice Day, the Oscar Asche Dramatic Society under the direction of Mr.Alexander Douglas have promised to give a show - "Mr.Pim Passes by" for Toc H. This will be made the occasion for a great gathering of the Clans, and Members will please note this early announcement.

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We have heard of the peaceful countryside being disturbed by the unfortunate Londoner, who only wishes to view the beauties of the lan from the harmless charabanc ; but we have not heard before of the ecclesiastical member of the community who flies to weddings and rudely disturbs the Hampshire lanes, rushing in full vestments from the wrong church to the right one, unfortunately to arrive only in time to greet the happy pair leaving after the ceremony. Congratula tions to Major Forestier Walker, an old member of Toc H, and his brid It was bad luck that misfortune robbed them of the fulfilment of the wish to be married by Padre "Tubby".

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The great news of the really fine sports ground Toc H. has ob tained at New Barnet is announced. Many rugger and soccer fixtures have been arranged, and we again repeat that we hole all members will back up the already over-worked Hon.Secretary and <u>not</u> wait to be written to. He is waiting to hear from you <u>now</u>.

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The Australians continue to carry all before them, with the exception of Manchester, where it was shown that even the best game has some "cranky" rules. We understand the Club Committee have extended an invitation to them to visit Toc H. before they depart, an intend to challenge them at spillikins, a game nobody can play.

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We specially hope that many members will be able to join the 2nd Pilgrimage to Ypres. Details announced below.

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Mark I will be closed for the whole of August to give the staffs of the three Houses a holiday, as already announced. The guest nigh at Mark II, Thursday, will be the same as usual : and Mark II and III are of course open at all hours to all members. (It is thoughtful to warn beforehand, if food and bed are required, whenever possible) Events for September will be announced in the next number of the News Sheet.

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Padre 'Tubby' will be away for the month of August, resting it i hoped. If anyone meets him getting into a train for London before the end of the month, will they please put him out at the next statio Personal letters will find him at Little Hatchet, East Boldre, near Brockenhurst, which geographists will tell you is in the New Forest, Hants.

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The Registrar, W.J.Musters, will also be on his 'country seat' during August. All business will be attended to as usual by incompetent "subs".

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Padre 'Tubby' wishes to make it quite clear to those who may be looking for the Editor, that it is not him, please.

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All contributions and communications should be addressed to the Editor (Mark II) who will remain strictly (and safely) incongrous.

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The deepest sympathy from us all to Mrs.David Wellum, whose husband (and old and loyal member of Toc H.) was accidentally drowned in the River Somme on July 11th, during a holiday in France.

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H O W T O K E E P C O O L A T L A S T.

The strongest sun melts into a good humour in the face of the "Christmas Spirit". A number of copies of the Toc H. Annual are still available and <u>must</u> be disposed of during August. Any members who ha not yet had a copy are urged to send for one without delay. A copy can now be had at the minimum price of 1/- plu s 6d postage, (or as much more as it is thought worth - the original price was 3/6) Those who have already had copies are urgently asked to do all they can to persuade friends that it is a volume which should be on all their book shelves (6 copies = 6 shelves !) There are one or two splendid 'age selling copies but many more are needed. Except for the title and th season's greetsings, which are a refrigerator in themselves, it is just as good reading this month as in December last, when it was pronounced extraordinary good value for 3/6. Old Bill thoroughly enjoys rading 'The Christmas Spirit' on the sands at Shrimpville-on.Sea, regardless of the rude remarks of small boys. Numbers of copies can be had at a reduced figure for bazaars, sales etc. Will you act upon this or continue to bask in stolid inactivity.

For the benefit of thise who have not seen or heard of the Annual before : it has a John Hassell cover, 92 pages of text, 39 illustrations including the favourite portrait of the Patron of Toc H., and 8 coloured illustrations (all excellent wall paper for druggery or study). The chief contribution is the breezy message from the Patron to the members of Toc H. throughout the world. Among the writers figure Ian Hay, Rudyard Kipling, G.K.Chesterton, E.F. Benson, Stephen Graham, Godfrey Tearle, Padre'Tubby', C.Fox Smith etc., and among the artists, Heath Robinson, H.M.Bateman, Harry Rountree, the late F.H.Townsend, George Morrow, 'Poy', J.A.Stephenson, E.H.Shepard, Mabel Lucie Attwell, 'Spy', 'Bougasse', G.L.Stampa, Wallis Mills, G.D.Armour, Wilmot Lunt, Lewis Baumer, Will Owen, Derwent Wood, Frank Hart, J.B.McManus, Bert Thomas, W.Rothenstein.

The Birmingham Branch.

The Local Secretary announces that a Toc H. Supper will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 30th at 15 Edgbaston Street, Guest of the evening Padre'Tubby'. It is hoped that all members in the Birmingham area will book this date. During the first week in August no correspondence, but from the 8th until the end of the month. J.C.Piggott (Newlands, Moseley) will be acting for W.L.Field (71 Newhall Street) the local secretary.

The Bristol Branch.

A very enjoyable supper took place at the Folkhouse, College Green on July 31st. Many members were away but there was a good muster present. J.H.Nicholson, the local Secretary, reported on the progress in the Branch and announced that there would be a big local campaign during the last two weeks of September, when Barclay Baron of H.O. will be in Bristol to conduct it. The hoped -for result would be a Talbot House for Bristol in the near future. Stuart Sheppard from H.O. also spoke and gave an account of Toc H. in London. The local Secretary's address is 7 The Avenue, Clifton,B.

(Local Secretaries and members will please note that contribu tions for the next number must be received by August 29th.)

RIVER.

Any members, who went on the River Trip on July 14th and have not yet notified the Treasurer, River Trips, are asked to do so in kind as soon as possible.

The Growing Generation.

In a few years Padre 'Tubby' will grow a white beard and be able to command respect, while other members tell their wide-eyed grandsons tall stories of the Great War in Good King George the Fifth's reign. Younger men will have to stand in our places on the mat at Mark I and at the wickets at New Barnet. And these others are already rolling up splendidly. One crowd (it <u>is</u> a crowd) is coming out of the big schools all over the country. This is, in the first place, the legacy of the Cavendish Association to Toc H. Since 1919 the Cavendish Association has been busy (as far as the

War would permit) in the schools. It has had its correspondents (a live master) in each school and with his help has been able to offer every leaving boy a chance to meet local correspondents wherever he went to settle down and begin a man's job. The local correspondent's aim has been to show to those who applied to him, all the gaps in the social life of the place (clubs, scouts, boy's brigades etc) which a keen man could fill for the love of the thing in his spare time. Moreover the Cavendish has made a point of telling the schools what slackers their kind are. On July 5th 1921, as members already know the Cavendish Association faded into the arms of Toc H. and has become the schools' wing. **********

Chapter II has opened very briskly and the plot thickens almost faster than we can cope with it. During the summer term 1921 Padre 'Tubby' has spoken to boys at the following schools :- Bedford Grammer, Bishops Stortford, Repton, Uppingham, Wellington, Bradfield, Brighton, Derby Grammer, Lancing, Oakham, Oundle and Winchester. Barclay Baron (who came to Toc H. as part of the Cavendish office furniture) at Berkhamstead, Bootham(Yorks), King's School Canterbury, Clifton, Eastbourne, Giggleswick, Glenalmond, Gresham's(Holt), Harrow, Loretto, Rugby, St. George's(Harpenden), St Paul's, Shrewsbury, Solihull, Grammer, University College School(Hampstead). He has also visited the Headmasters of Durham, Pottes, Manchester Grammer, and Merchiston. Alec Paterson has spoken at Radley and Christs Hospital. J.H.Nicholson ("ristol) at Marlborough and Sherborne and Hugh Johnston at Cheltenham.

So far 116 boys have applied for membership of Toc H. and many more are thinking of it. School branches are being formed in several cases. So that's that - No, it isn't. We are only in touch with 60 schools so far and next year we ought to be in touch with 6,000. What are we going to do about it ? The really serious question is how Toc H. is going to recruit the finest young industrials at the same pace. If this is not done, Toc H. will grow lop-sided and this is unthinkable.

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THE SECOND PILGRIMAGE TO YPRES.

Members all -

We are tremendously keen that the growing generation should be perfectly certain of its roots - and they are in Flanders. We want a lot of them to see with their own eyes where the old Houses were born, and to perceive with their own imaginations how much that birth cost their forbears, and to know in their own hearts that nothing less than that standard of faithfulness will do for us now and in the time to come. So Padre 'Tubby', our Treasurer we hope, and your humble are taking a pilgrimage party to the Salient from September 2nd to 6th. The adventure starts at Victoria on Friday night, 2nd or early next morning for Ostend. The party will spend Saturday or Sundaynight at the Wreds Tours Chateau, Brielen, will tramp round Hooghe, Zillebecke and Kemmel on Sunday and entrain at Ypres in time to drink tea at Poperinghe. Some of the party will come home on Monday arriving Victoria 10.30 p.m. emma. The remainder will spend the day and night at Bruges, returning on Tuesday afternoon. The cost per head is strictly limited to £6.15s or £5.15s for those who do the extra day at Bruges. Any member who is interested and intends to join the party, should write to me at once at Mark II (123 St.George's Square, S.W. 1) for passport application forms and all further information. 7/6 (included in the total cost) and two photographs should be enclosed. What offers ? Barclay Baron.

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Extract from a letter to the Padre.

Surrey.

.....We should feel it a great privilege to be allowed to do a little to help. May we furnish two bedrooms in memory of the two boys who have left us, and write the names which mean so much to us "Herbert" and "Clive". I am enclosing a cheque for this purpose, and if we may we should like to have a photo of the boys in their respective rooms. I think possibly some who knew them may pass through at some time or another. I have been wondering whether I could help in any way with regard to Saturdays and Sundays. If we are not too far out, the members would be so very welcome here, for week-ends - tennis etc., sometimes. We have a hard court, and plenty of house room. Only it means a journey of 80 minutes. They must come four at a time, I think, to make a set and amuse each other. Very likely it is not feasible, but it is the only way I can think of at the moment to offer any practical help. We should not mind the least what their social status is - our faults may be many, but we are not snobs! .....

(Any members who care to take advantage of this great kindness, should communicate with Padre Money, in Padre 'Tubby's' absence. Ed.)

Hospitality kindly offered to any student-members near Chichester for week-ends or longer. B.P.

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EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Say what you like about Labour Exchanges, but do not sneeze at Toc H. Bureau. It can be exactly what you like to make it. It will not try to compete with the Government for it only sets out to serve our own members and that in two distinct directions. A. Members out of work whose luck we want to try and change. Of course we cannot guarantee jobs but we will do our loyal best, with the help of all members reporting any jobs they hear of at once, for any member who thinks it worth while to enquire. B. (which is just as important as A.) Members wanting to do a job of useful work in their spare time for the love of the thing. Clubs and scouts and institutions of the most varied kind are desperately short of the 'sheep-dog' spirit nowadays. We want to fit the square peg into the square hole. If you will apply to us, telling us what shape you are, we will do our best to find a hole which fits. This Bureau, although it has already achieved much is in its absolute infancy. It will succeed more or less as it receives backing from members. Barclay Baron (hereinafter to be known as 'Barkis', because he is always 'Willing') or Stuart Sheppard at Mark II are waiting to hear from you.

Ex-service member, age 20, seeks situation with electrical firm as draughtsman. Sound ability for technical drawing, good knowledge of maths, electrotechnics, 5½ year practical experience of control fitting and general maintenance. D.M.

Ex-service member with considerable experience in the organization and distribution of Transport, seeks appointment with Transport Company, having plenty of enthusiasm and some ability, would quickly adapt himself to other work. E.A.R.

Ex-service member, married, urgently seeks job as caretaker, etc, any honest work. A.A.

Ex-service member, somewhat disabled and at present in temporary Government employment, seeks a good opening for September. Public schoolboy. Business experience. P.M.

British Teachers wanted for Western Canada (Government schools) specially married teachers for the foreign schools (house with 2 acres rent free and £1500 a year) - details on application.

(This space is always open for the use of members who should write at least one week before the end of each month.)

WE TAKE OFF OUR HATS AND LIKEWISE BOWS TO ...

H.R.H. The Duke of York for inviting Harry Willink, T.P.Carroll, J.D. Kelly, Streatfield, Gibbs, Dalston, Haywood and Martin Jones - (We are not in touch with the godfathers and godmothers of the last five at the time of going to press -Ed) to his boy's camp, starting on July 30

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Field Marshall Lord Methuen on becoming a Vice President of Toc H.

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A.P.Charles on his retirement after 8 years invaluable and often single handed work for the Cavendish Association.

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Padre Money - late N.Z. and now of Glasgow - on his arrival to take over from Padre 'Tubby' for August.

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Pat McCormick, D.S.O., and Howard Moulder for inviting members down to Croydon for the week-end reunion retreat (Aug.5th-8th) to be conducted by Padre 'Tubby'.

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Mrs.Walter Browne for lending here beautifully furnished and delightful cottage in Gloucestershire to Toc H. for any members caring to holiday there for any period from August 6th to 22nd. (Applicants should wireless at once to Padre Money at Mark II).

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Colonel Bidder, D.S.O., of Toc H. for asking members to go down and see him at Ravensbury Manor, Mitcham, (bus from Mark II under the hour) and for offering tea, biscuits, tennis, bowls, punts on the river and a cemetery of 700 jolly old Saxons (Hon members of Toc H. - Ed)

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Jack Woodhouse on his marriage (19th) Hearty and prolonged congratulations.

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A.R.Scott for winning the high jump at the Great Eastern Sports.

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General Seymour Sheppard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., on his return to India as C.R.E. (Back in 1923 - Ed)

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Pat Drew for weeding his garden in Manitoba, putting out dope to kill grasshoppers and potato bugs ! and in the midst of this gloriously busy time doing pioneer work for Toc H.

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T.Kirby of British Columbia for putting Toc H. in touch with F.B.Stacey M.P. - and this new friend for giving Mark II such an interesting talk on B.C.

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The Edinburgh Branch for their systematic enquiries about an old brewery. (85 Rue de l'Hopital belonged to a brewer.-Ed)

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G.H.Seeley for knocking up 122 for Marlborough against Rugby at Lords.

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P.S.Martin for coxing the Thames R.C.Senior Eight. (Is there any truth in the rumour that he is melting down the 'pots' in the dead of night Ed.)

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Marcel Altorfer on his departure to Strasburg (19 Avenue des Vosges) and on his farewell speech - "My glass is empty but my heard is full.

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J.D.Kelly, of the Yorkshire Amateurs, on his election to the captaincy of Toc H. soccer for next season.

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T.P.Carroll, late Christs Hospital, for undertaking the task of Rugger Secretary for Toc H. (We hope that W.S.Hopper is being approached for the task of Secretary to the Rugger undertaker - Ed.)

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All members who have written to the Hon.Sec. Athletics before he has written to them.

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Charles Conway of Mark II for his labours as Camp Secretary at Stanmore and Harrow.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION FROM CONSTANTINOPLE.

Trade is such things as Eastern rugs, silks, embroideries, silver glass, china, objects /'art, good carpets, stones, etc., is at a low ebb, and Eastern Merchants would be glad to find a market in London.

The condition of the Near East has led to a great reduction in wealth, and, if a market were to be opened, there would be no lack of really good material to be sold at a very reasonable price ; and such things as would appeal to collectors and lovers of beautiful things .

It would probably be a very paying business to establish an Agency in London if it were done in the right place and by the right people, and it might be done without Capital.

My idea would be to find an old fashioned house not further from Bond Street than Portman Square, which contains large reception rooms, but which is practically unlettable owing to inconvenient domestic offices and small bedrooms. I saw one which answers this description near the corner of Portman Square and Orchard Street, which has been empty for years, the lease held by the Duchess of Manchester.

If such an owner would agree, some such arrangement might be come to as I will describe :-

A small private Company be formed to work the Agency. The owner of the Lease to allow the house to be used for private business, which would be almost in the nature of a continuous Bazaar attracting the best class of customer : and would receive such a share of profits as would cover the expenses of the house plus some interest.

An adventurous and able Member of Toc H. to take charge of the enterprise and with a few other Members to do all the work of the business and house ; each Member to be chosen for special qualifications required, e.g. book-keeping, house work, porters, etc., and all share equally in labour and profits. I have not broached the subject to them, but I have some spinster sisters who I think would take a useful and essential part ; they would housekeep and help in sales. They have done voluntarily a vast amount of work for the Red Cross and such like, and one cooked for a Hospital for some years of the War ; another managed a big Hostel in France.

My sisters have a very large acquaintance, and many relations amongst the sort of people who would be required as clientele, and through whom the adventure could be advertised.

I would propose that in the adventure "all ranks" would be on an equal footing in every way.

If the house is obtained and details settled, I could arrange at this end with certain Eastern Merchants for them to send their wares, in the case of those of special interest, with their history ; to the Agency for sale, marked with the price they would be satisfied with themselves, to which would be added the expenses of insurance and transport and Agency profit.

The Merchants would not expect payment until sales were effected.

I could get things sent from Asia Minor, Damascus, etc., and nothing that was not really good of its kind.

The Bazaars here are full of tempting things at bargain prices with few buyers, and the cost of living at Constantinople is higher than that in New York.

I believe the adventure would pay.

A visit to the Eastern Marts here by the other sex leads to a financial crisis on the part of the "brother" in attendance : there are really lovely things to be had - and I believe when Russia and Caucasus are opened up that there will be many more. Once the Agency were started and known, I think there would be no lack of Buyers. If you know Members of Toc H, who would like to try, the opportunity is one which I believe in and am in a unique position at this moment to obtain "the eastern merchant credit."

H.F.

(Any members who areinterested should write to the Secretaries of the Employment Bureau.) Ed.

(Continued from page 6)

F.R.Hyatt on his assistant cub mastership, recently conferred on him at Scout H.Q.

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Captain Forester for his able handling of the chair in the Liverpool Branch.

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W.V.May of S.S.Hook of Holland and F.P.Field for their animated correspondence. (Enquiries should be addressed to the Members in question.) Ed.

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John Lucraft on his connubial calamity (the 30th). Hearty congratulations.

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'Colonel' Kerr for arranging to give the inhabitants of Mark I and others a course of instruction in the art of washing up on Wednesday during August.

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'Freddie' Domone of Mark II for having no further use for the services of Mrs.'Windy' C. (? ? -Ed)

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Edward Ferguson for being dropped off a steamer into a boat on Lake Nyasaland and for his wonderful appreciation of Toc H. in the midst of his mission work in the heart of Central Africa.

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A.Miles for enjoying the News Sheet at Bordeaux and for offering to pay for it. (? * - Ed)

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All Members who intend to contribute to future numbers of the News Sheet and those who give their friends away for the purpose of this Honours List.

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And last, but not least, all Members who have joined the Movement during the last month.

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EDITORIAL.

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The Autumn situation is reviewed at length over the page. Here there are only two things to say. First, concerning the News Sheet itself. Negotiations are still in process with a view to printing it - the only problem is one of Finance. If Members will each send 2/6d. they will receive a printed News Sheet monthly - if not, they won't.

In any case stamps have to be paid for in cash. The theory is that the additional cost of printing could and would be met by advertisements - but some theories don't wash or work. One that has not worked to any great extent as yet is that Members would send cash for the News Sheet - so far there are only 20 just men in the eyes of the Editorial Staff.

The alternatives then, are that Toc H., should continue a News Sheet with the largest circulation of any cyclostyled journal in the world (whether Members pay for it or not) or that it should have a printed magazine adequate to its opinion of itself.

Members who prefer the second alternative are invited to write and say so provided they enclose 2/6d. If only a small percentage do so their money will pay for the stamps and paper the present News Sheet costs; but they must understand the Finance Committee decline to subsidise the News Sheet even to the extent of a farthing.

Then about Sport - the post of Sports Editor is vacant, which explains why the final cricket match at Lord's is not reported, why the batting and bowling averages for the season do not appear and why there is no mention of the opening of the football season at New Barnet. Applications for the post will receive consideration meanwhile the Editor who remains strictly incongruous has succeeded in obtaining the following communication from an esteemed correspondent.

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The Toc H., Sports Club has obtained 8 acres of ground at New Barnet, has ordered a Pavilion for which it has no money to pay, has arranged complete fixture lists for two 'Soccer' teams and a more or less complete list of games for a "Rugger" XV.

The problems are (a) funds and (b) playing Members. Dealing with (a), any Member of Toc H., may become an Hon.Member of the Sports Club on payment of five shillings or more per year. With (b), any Member may join any one of the teams on payment of a minimum subscription of 5/- per season. Of course a five bob subscription will not pay for the Pavilion and the Groundsman but it will help. Some Members have already paid more, we hope others will follow.

Cricket and Tennis will be in full swing next summer so there is no reason why Members should not pay their subs. now.

Particulars of fixtures will appear as soon as the Sports Editor is appointed and gets busy.

The exact location of the ground is Folly Farm, New Barnet. It may be reached from King's Cross in 30 minutes

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DOWN CHELTENHAM WAY.

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Dear MrEditor,

Screams from the Cheltenham Branch & congratulation on your first three numbers.

We are rejoiced to hear of the doings of the bretheren in London and hope soon to hear of great deeds in the Provinces.

Since Tubby kicked us off so well last November,we have progressed slowly but surely,and have now forty Members on our Roll.

Every fortnight we meet at the "Spinning Wheel" Cafe and feed. We stand silently for a minute and remember the pals we left behind us in Flanders fields and other lands "which are for ever England",and then we pull out our pipes (the oldest) and fight our battles over again or discuss the latest cricket, as the spirit moves us.

So often as we can,we have a guest who has something to say,and we listen and then rend him asunder in friendly manner.

One of our earliest visitors was the Bristol Secretary and we are looking forward eagerly to a second visit from the learned Professor. Then Fitzgerald fascinated us with the horrible possibilities of Psycho-analysis! He had to take the Local Secretary for a stiff tramp over Cleeve Cloud the following morning to restore his shattered nerves. We have had talks from Dr.Wilkins (of Cheltenham) on 'Spirits' - not the taxable variety;Mr.Monro-Briggs,on the League of Nations,amongst others. Our most famous guest,if comparisons are allowable,was "Woodbine Willie" who fed with us before addressing a mass meeting arranged by the Industrial Christian Fellowship. The Hon.Sec. and the Hon.Chauffeur had met him the previous week at a meeting of the Worcester Branch and so anticipated some fun when he addressed a Cheltenham audience which is only comparable with an assemblage of the elect of Queen's Gate Gardens. For weeks the local Press boiled over with letters from irate Colonels with curried livers. One dear old parson,of a nearly defunct type, questioned the validity of the orders of a man who could sit on the Chairman's table with his back to a Bishop and was deeply grieved when I assured him that Kennedy was a pukha clergyman.

We are fortunate in having an annexe of St.Dunstan's in Cheltenham,and everytime we have a meeting,if possible some of the blind boys come round as our guests and we look forward to meeting them - they are so plucky and cheery. "Charlie" particularly is a great favourite - besides being totally blind, he is very deaf and has only one leg,which is useless. He has suffered something like 36 operations,but he is the cheeriest fellow imaginable. Our Branch has also collected sufficient money to enable a local character,who has been partially paralysed from childhood,to be fitted with a light steel jacket to enable him to walk upright. At the moment we are trying to assist a partially blinded soldier,with a microscopic pension,whom we found singing in the streets.

We are very pleased to hear that our pals at Worcester are going strong but what has happened to Stroud? Swindon also are not making much noise but perhaps we are hard of hearing. We shall be very pleased to hear from any Members of neighbouring Branches who could blow over for one of our powwows. "What about it Oxford? You're not too far away!" Anyway we're always at home and the Mess Bombardier can generally find a bottle of beer.

Cheerio Mr.Editor,
Yours ever,
CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

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'BACCY OR CIGARETTES?

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A Canteen has recently been opened at Mark 11. It is hoped that in future,Members,when visiting the House,will make it a habit to leave their cigarettes and cases at home and ensure before coming that their tobacco pouches are empty.

TOC H., IN GLASGOW.

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To the large Padre who writes these words,they look like the vision of a dream of delight. But,my masters,its a dream which does really begin to look as if it might come true. Nay, the need is so great that it must come true.

Glasgow is almost entirely commercial and industrial. Social and industrial problems are there seen at their most acute stages. There is plenty of fellowship of a sort in Glasgow,but its the wrong sort - the sort with which modern Christianity has made us all only too familiar. I mean that it is the narrow, self-contained fellowship of little cliques of people whose minds happen to run in the same narrow little grooves.

We want a fellowship,which as a result of loving God and the brethren,loves the whole world beside - a fellowship not of those cast in the same mould,but of those who,having grasped the real meaning of love and service,can live and work happily with any others,in spite of most acute differences of mental outlook, of class,of interests,of religious belief: and such a fellowship Toc H.,can give us. The day when the writer can announce in these columns the readiness of Talbot House,Glasgow,to offer hospitality to visiting Members,will be a day of tremendous triumph and no less tremendous hope.

One word more - may I urge all fellow Members to guard against the intrusion into Toc H.,itself of that foul spirit of contentment with existing fellowship and unwillingness to enlarge the Brotherhood. This is a subject upon which I am rather apt to go mad,so I had better stop.

Yours,
Glasgow. Humphrey Money.

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WE TAKES OUR 'ATS OFF AND LIKEWISE BOWS TO :-

E.A.L.Martyn (The Grange,Arnold Rd.Kingston) on his appointment as Local Correspondent of Jamaica.

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G.E.Troup and Dr.Harry Miller for representing Toc H., at the "Training in Citizenship" Committee of the British Association in Edinburgh.

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S.A.Pakerman of the University College,Colombo,on becoming Local Correspondent and for extending a welcome to any Member passing through.

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Richard King for presenting books to the Library at Mark 111.

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Mrs.Abraham and Miss Nias for similar gifts.

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Miss Whitten for presenting vases to Mark 11.

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The brothers' Impey of Wolverton for travelling mile on mile to play 'Soccer' for Toc H.

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To Toc H.,A.F.C.for their victory over the R.M.A.Staff on Sept. 24th.,and to Bridge,Day,Kerpen and Purkiss for scoring the necessary goals.

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To the Members who have joined the Sports Club and have paid their subscriptions.

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THE AUTUMN SITUATION.

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Long ago a Notice, still to be seen in the hall at Mark 1, hung in the hall of the old House at Poperinghe - it bears the legend, "PESSIMISTS WAY OUT", and its efficiency was such that even in the lugubrious days of peace the Members of Toc H., are Co-optimists.

What other body of Englishmen (with due apologies to our Edinburgh and Glasgow Members, and the gallant little few in the place where the 38th. Division came from) would have tolerated talk of Three Houses in a year in London, when all our visible means of support consisted of some £50 at the Bank and a 5 roomed flat in Red Lion Square?

Even since then, the most unabashed optimist might be forgiven if further talk of Houses far beyond the London Cab radius appeared to him megalomaniac. And yet, hand over fist, these dreams come true.

There is, admittedly, much yet to be done, and we must not count our Houses too long before they are hatched; but the process of incubation is proceeding at a rapid rate and an even temperature, and we have every right to hope for a merry sound from several egg-shells in the near future.

What then is the actual situation? In Manchester, Toc H., has plunged for the purchase of a big House named at present, "Gartness" and standing in its own grounds (avec a gravel tennis court) in Victoria Park. It was once a big private house, but was converted into a University Hostel in 1919, and there was added to it a wooden hut divided into small studies. House and hutment together are now sufficient for a complement of 35. The price required for extended payment (thanks to the Central Board of Finance) is £1,500 for the freehold of the House and the garden, and £1,250 for the furniture. The immediate task therefore, before our Manchester Executive between now and December 31st. is to raise this sum and in addition if possible, the price for rebuilding the huts in brick work. Our objective there is at last clearly in view, and whatever we can do by private initiative among the Membership or collectively from H.Q. to help must be done with a will at once; so sit down and write to any one you ever knew in these parts, whether a likely Member or sympathiser or whatnot.

The Manchester campaign fore-shadowed by a letter from Mr. Austin Hopkinson M.P., to the Manchester Guardian, opens on Oct. 14th. when Padre Goodwin goes there for two months from Toc H., Newcastle. Our prayers and brotherly love, not only from London, but from every point of the compass will be focussed on this big task.

Among the storm troops available from the beginning are the Bishop of Manchester, Alderman Fred West, Colonels Malcolm Melville and Tom Blatherwick, Mr. W. Melland (a great new ally from the Cavendish side of things) and in Altrincham, Lady Crossley, Mrs. E.T. Hicks, in whose gift of a room to Mark 11, Toc H., already rejoices. A happy augury is surely that Noel Phillipps who in 1917 drove a burning ammunition train out of Busseboom and was later rewarded, not only with the M.C., but also with the Hon. Treasuryship of the Old House, is Hon. Treasurer of the Appeal Fund for Manchester Toc H. His address is Eaton Bishop, Bramhall near Manchester; and most of the day he hangs out at the L.N.W. Rly. Offices, busily arranging collisions which are continually miscarrying.

Better still, is the knowledge that the Rev. Pat Leonard D.S.O. a dear friend of the Old House and now Chaplain of Cheltenham College, has burned his boats and signed on for Manchester Toc H. in January. Here I must say, (for I am speaking, not writing this as needs must be at present) a word of something more than thankfulness for the way in which Padres Goodwin, Leonard and Sawbridge in the offing - have thus be led to rejoin us. So long as I was the only whole-time Padre in Toc H., the whole Movement was bound to suffer, not only by my own loneliness and inadequacy, but by the ease with which it could be represented as a merely personal issue. The grafting in of the beloved Barkis (Barclay Baron) as Travelling Secretary in July last, the arrival of Padre Money in August, for his month's holiday from Glasgow given joyfully to the cause, were each a relief and reinforcement beyond words. But the permanent adhesion, first of "Goodie" on his return from Mespot, whose work in the old days, had (under God) alone made Little Talbot House possible, and the voluntary surrender by "Pat", not only of a certain and fruitful field of work for one as yet undefined and unharvested gives a breadth and stability to Toc H., which should make us all, not only fearless of the future, but as hopeful as only the thankful can be. It were easy to say much more, but there are better things to be done than to go on talking thus.

Now as to the next strong point. Newcastle is to follow Manchester in quick succession. Goodwin has already been there for a fortnight's preliminary canter, and returns there when relieved by Pat at Manchester. The need in Newcastle is tremendous and only the industrial depression has halted us hitherto. Our Executive there is forming, and while it may be necessary to start work on the Tyneside with a comparatively small House, the working model will be so attractive, that the full scale article will follow a few month's later.

At the same time, Barkis is going to Bristol in October, turning autumn into spring time in the West. Thence he goes to Glasgow, where Padre Money and the Motherwell Membership are to a man for bricks and mortar at an early date.

In Edinburgh, in spite of a very generous offer from an old established Settlement Council, we are to go slow about a House for the time being, as the need for it is not yet fully proved. Meanwhile, we owe to an anonymous Member of the Edinburgh Branch a gift of four rooms, one for London, and the other three for the first three Houses out of it; to be called the Edinburgh Rooms and to be especially allotted to Scotsmen in exile.

In London, we are making the playing fields of Barnet our Waterloo this autumn, and we must have another £500. to get the ground straight and the Pavilion open. If we let all the teams on our fixture lists go away with our ground adhering to them, the G.N.Rly. embankment which shelters our future tennis courts will begin to slide in upon us. While this (the money, not the embankment) is coming in, we apologise in advance for the primitive hospitality to our various and distinguished adversaries.

Please God, we have not yet reached that stage of development or stagnation, where the means become the end and the instrument the achievement. Toc H., is here to enshrine and to transmit with ever growing force the faith of fellowship of the men who found God and their true life in the hardest school of suffering and service which the world has yet known. But in such spiritual things, the miser is always the bankrupt, for you cannot conserve what you will not transmit. It therefore, is not only because Toc H., looks forward and not backward that it is growing, while the heavily endowed Canteen Clubs are closing one by one.

It is chiefly because Toc H., looks outward and not inward, with a minimum of domestic organisation, with meetings that are never summons (in Dick Sheppard's phrase) simply to fix the date of the next - Toc H., has nearly doubled its Membership in 18 months : and if it is the Will of God may reasonably expect to have 10,000 picked and active Members, five Padres and at least seven Houses by the autumn of 1922.

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Between the lines above, the discerning eye will see grave anxiety concerning the finance required for this rapid expansion. This tension grew almost unbearable, until 27th. September, when two great friends of Toc H., came forward each with a gift so generous and so wisely planned that it would be absurd to try and express gratitude for it. On that night, after a grave meeting of the Finance Committee, faced as we were with a task of expansion well-nigh impossible as it stood, two endowments of £5,000 each were given for the Foundation of two Memorial Chaplaincies of Toc H. This wonderful gift means not merely that we can go ahead now with new courage, but that we of Toc H., are called upon to

build far into the future, and that centuries hence there will still be, in the providence of God, living agents whose fit succession will be safeguarded as embodying a spiritual message emerging from the heart of the great tragedy.

Imagine to yourself a society with a deep spiritual and social purpose in our own days which could trace its undeviating record of service back to some group of survivors from some famous stricken field five hundred years ago, say Agincourt, or the ~~Armada~~ Armada, and you will see what this gift means. In no way must we relax our efforts because of this great thing that has come to Toc H. The capital for our Houses, the extension of our work, the wise and careful recruitment of Membership among young men in all classes of society must rather go forward with a vigour and purpose we have not yet everywhere achieved. If Toc H., is to do its little job for the Kingdom of God, among men, it must build in service and sacrifice again and again.

P.B.C.

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AN ECHO OF THE WAR.

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It is August the 30th.1915,- an hour before dawn. A couple of Companies of the Rifle Brigade are holding a line of trenches on the Menin Road near Hooge, at the spot since named by the troops, "Hell Fire Corner". The Germans are about to attempt a desperate effort to cross the road. The noise is terrible,- shells of all calibre are tearing up the road, sending showers of earth in all directions. Grenades are bursting at the rear and in front of the shallow trench where crouch the "R.B's" in the muddy bottom, all trying to avoid the messengers of death which hurtle through the air from every angle and position. Every few seconds the whole landscape is brilliantly lit up by hundreds of star shells and Very flares, while the flash of the Artillery fills the sky. Away in the direction of Zillebeke the dull crimson glow on the horizon is some small farm set on fire by the British guns. The shells shriek and scream on their bloody journey, exploding with a terrific crash. There is the death rattle of many machine guns and the noise of incessant rifle fire.

Suddenly, without any warning, points of peculiar coloured fire shoot out from the enemy lines in the direction of our trenches. The flaming material falls along the entire parapet, blazing furiously and pours down into the trench itself held by the men of the Rifle Brigade The whole trench is now a mass of fire from end to end, while the flaming liquid, whatever it is, falls in streams all around. The shrieks and agonizing cries of our men are heartrending - the horror of it all defies description. Do you wonder then that our men, or the remnant left of them, fall back in disorder, temporarily demoralized, believing it verily to be a fire from Hell ?

A young Lieutenant, Keith Rae, one of the bravest Officers who ever led men into battle stands fiercely fighting, a devoted Sergeant by his side. Alone these two heroes stand facing that overwhelming flood of the enemy aided by all the forces of the Devil. This is the last we see of them, so at daybreak Keith passes "the valley of the shadow" from War to Peace, and "all the trumpets sound for him on the other side".

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It is Whit Sunday, May 15th.1921. The time is about 10 o'clock. We have walked in perfect safety the few miles out of Ypres along the Menin Road to Hooge. The weather is perfectly glorious. The summer sun shines with all his power from out a cloudless sky. On our left, a matter of some twenty or thirty yards from the road, we see a little group of a dozen persons. We leave the road and join them, for some of us have been led here by more than a passing curiosity. There is a very tall gentleman dressed in black with a lady, also in black, by his side, and a few other people with them. Several of the little group are young men whose dress indicates that they have at some time or other served in His Majesty's Army. The white surplice of a clergyman catches our eye and we find ourselves looking at an English padre, the Rev. Tubby Clayton who has himself faced death a hundred times in this bruised and bleeding little country. Short of stature, wearing large rimmed spectacles, his face rather sad, that face usually wreathed in smiles, those eyes usually brimming over with mischief. His surplice is crumpled and creased, so is his cassock, under which peeps out his thick walking boots, but the stole around his neck is immaculate. Listen,- he is speaking,- "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

We are at the Dedication Service of a beautiful grey granite cross - the symbol of sacrifice - which has been erected by the mother and father of Keith Rae, who "at this spot passed from War to Peace on the 30th.August 1915 at Daybreak". The comforting words coming from the lips of the padre bring comfort indeed to those that mourn. A Belgian train passing close at hand whistles shrilly and the padre pauses for a few moments until it has sped out of hearing.

The simple service of solemn grandeur closes with a prayer committing the souls of Keith and all his comrades into the safe keeping of the great Captain of our Salvation, and we find ourselves gazing in silence there at that granite cross. Then we look farther on, right out over those battle stricken plains, and right in front of our eyes as far as we can see the whole countryside is golden with thousands on thousands of gorse bushes all in full blossom. It is a truly wonderful sight which will live in our memory. Nature hiding the wounds of War. Everywhere it is the same,- one marvellous sheet of gold. We look back at the cross. A magnificent wreath of choice flowers rests on the base, while panzies, lilies-of-the-valley and other plants, as well as a small palm, are growing in the little plot that surrounds the cross. The little group cannot tear itself away from this sacred spot, and see, this is the sixth separate snapshot that the tall gentleman has taken already! At last he takes the arm of his wife and walks quietly, with a happy smile on his face, to the road where a car is waiting, and the last we see of them is a cloud of dust down the road towards Ypres. I wonder if we shall ever see them again?

Now that they have gone we draw near to get a better view. The carving is wonderful, a warrior's sword being the outstanding feature. On the base is the inscription, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life". In silence we gather a few butter-cups and pick a few sprigs of golden gorse which we lay beside the costly wreath as our humble tribute to one who was "faithful unto death" and who we are certain has been rewarded with "the Crown of Life".

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We are back in England now, but some of us who stood side by side at that wonderful service hope to meet again on that sacred spot at some future date. Some of us may never meet again, but the splendid spirit of comradeship cannot fail to make some impression on our lives. In all parts of the British Isles we are now scattered,- North, South, East and West, but time after time our thoughts carry us over the Channel to that granite cross by the roadside at Hooge, and we say :-

"O not in vain has been your great endeavour,
For by your dying, life is born again:
And Greater Love hath no man tokened ever,
Than with his life to purchase life's high gain".

"Ypres Pilgrim".

THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

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Congratulations to the Birmingham Branch of Toc H.,on its first Supper which took place on Friday,September 30th. We hear that 28 Members of a total of 31 attended and that the three absentees were thoroughly fed up because it was impossible for them to attend. Other Branches please note.

It has been decided to hold a monthly Supper - the next to be held on Friday,October 28th.when Barclay Baron of the London Branch will appear to beam upon all.

If any Member of Toc H.,is likely to be in or near "Brum" on that day,we strongly recommend him to get in touch with the Local Secretary,W.H.Field of 71 Newhall Street. We have it on very good authority that the "Brum Branch Supper" is a thing not to be missed.

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It is extremely probable that the play "Mr.Pim Passes By",will be performed by the Oscar Asche Dramatic Society on Armistice Night,November 11th.,on behalf of Toc H. Further particulars will be given later. Will all Town Members please book the date.

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

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Who the lady is who recently called at Mark 1 and enquired after a tall handsome young man with auburn hair and moustache and why the Editor hurriedly left for the Continent without leaving an address!!!

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If Herbert Cook's employer really minds when that worthy gentleman plays "Soccer" on Wednesday afternoons and if it is true that he is never missed.

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If the Toc H.,Soccer Team prefers eating Charterhouse ices to playing football against the School.

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Whether Colonel "Ronnie" Campbell is quite sure that Stuart Cowl now likes boxing.

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IMPORTANT - TO ALL MEMBERS.

There is a man named Rodney Stubbs who is paying flying visits to various Members of Toc H.,and relieving them of sums of money after telling terrible tales of woe. This man is an impostor and all Members are hereby warned against his clever tongue.

We gave him shelter at Mark 11 for six weeks and he returned thanks by doing certain things that no Member of Toc H., would do,so we were forced to give him marching orders.

Stubbs is about 6 feet in height,has lost his left leg and eye and walks on crutches.

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EDITORIAL.

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80 Members have paid 2/6d.or more for their News Sheet. To all of them,thanks. If they wish to see their names duly entered in the Registrar's Roll of Honour they have only to pay a visit to Mark 11.

To judge from letters received,not a few Members like the News Sheet as it is - cyclostyled. They will be glad to hear that so far no Printer has been found sufficiently sporting to offer to print at his own risk - so at any rate for the present the status quo will be maintained. Meanwhile there is no small speculation (non-financial) as to which Branch Secretary will first send in a bulk subscription. (Who said Cheltenham?) The question of an illuminated address will be dealt with later.

On Armistice Day Toc H.,will be represented at the Abbey Service and Cenotaph Ceremony. Details of this will be found in the Padre's letter on another page.

In the evening at 8,Toc H.,will be at home to all Members and friends. The Rangers (12th.London Regiment)have most generously placed their Headquarters in Chenies St.Bedford Square, (Tottenham Court Rd.or Holborn Tube Stations)at our disposal. The Toc H.,Dramatic League has arranged an AI programme. Admission free. Food may be obtained at any of the Houses at 7 if notice is given beforehand.

Re Branches:- The Editor can invent news of the London Branch; for the Provinces he depends entirely on the Local Secretaries.

Supplement. With this number is presented gratis - as the Times says - a printed supplement. It explains itself,but it is intended at least as much for the rich relations,friends and acquaintances of the Members as for themselves. So read (if you want to) but whether noted or not,pass on for consideration and necessary action.

Lecturers on Guest Nights at the London Houses recently,have included Duncan Graham M.P.,Commander Kenworthy M.P.,Mr.G.D.C. Cole on Social and Political matters,Maj.Gen.Sir W.S.Brancker, K.C.B.,on "The Aviation Situation" and Maj.Gen.Sir W.Ironside, K.C.B.,on Russia. On November 16th.at Mark 1.,Lord Montagu of Beaulieu speaks on "Air Routes" and on the 23rd.at the same House,Capt.Rouse's Concert Party are to entertain us.

I shall be pleased to hear of suggestions for a suitable name for the News Sheet at an early date. For the benefit of Members who are inclined to be humorous,I would like to say that some misguided individual has already suggested that it be called "Hoc and Toc,the Monthly News Sheet of Toc H",so please do not suggest it again. The one relieving feature about this appalling suggestion is that the originator says that if you can think of a better name,say it.

PINK PILLS FOR PALE PESSIMISTS

by the

PADRE.

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The Editor of the News Sheet is (without betraying his anonymity) a person for whom I cherish deepest esteem. Once upon a time I used to enter his august presence with my best Labour Salute, but that is another story. Nowadays, during the last few days of every month, he stands over me, carefully removing from my reach all possible projectiles, and demands with quiet insistence the letter for this unusual Parish Magazine. Well, he shall have it.

In the first place, I deplore the fact that he has been unable, as yet, to devize a title for it. A nameless thing like this is merely a nightmare, and I feel much in the position of the man, who for the first year or so of his married life was reduced to calling his mother-in-law "hi! you there" until such times as he could solve the question of calling her Grannie.

Talking about names, it will be obviously a matter of relevan at this point to announce the fact that I have been presented with an engine of death, called a G.N. It is a thing about the size of an egg-shell and far more frail to look upon. It hurtles through the air at an unheard of speed, especially when (as often at present) I mistake the accelerator for the brake. It has been christened Dan Leno, this because G.N. suggests the Great Northern, and the Great Northern suggests a star, and the Star was once edited for one day by Dan Leno; but chiefly it is called Dan Leno, because you dare'nt lean out. (Oh horrors - Ed.) I may say at once that this access of seeming opulence on my part is more apparent than real. "But what would the Apostles say", said the Conscientious Objector to Canon Scott Holland, "if they saw you Clergy going to and fro in your motor cars"? "Well, I don't know" replied the Canon, "but I fancy they would say that things in the Church were decidedly looking up".

This is certainly so, thank God, with Toc H., and we enter on our Autumn expansion with the hope that maketh not ashamed. The attached paper issued as a supplement to this month's News Sheet, is the situation in tabloid form. Since the Meeting, a third endowment of £5,000 for a Chaplaincy has been given, the Canada expenses have been guaranteed, and a further Memorial Room promised. The sphere of the new Chaplaincy will be decided by the Trustees.

Now for one ortwo matters, both of personal and public interest. On Armistice Day, the Cabinet Committee has allotted five places for Toc Hrepresentatives at the Cenotaph Ceremony in Whitehall. The time available between now and then is too short for these places to be filled (as I should have wished) by ballot; and Headquarters have no alternative but to invite as wide a selection as can be compassed. It is obviously desirable to have Toc H., represented by Foundation Members on this occasion, and invitations have therefore been sent out to the following: Rev. Noel Mellish, V.C., A. Calder, D.S.O., of the Lee Branch now at Knutsford, late Private, London Scottish and Capt. in the Tank Corps., Harry Moss, D.C.M., late Sergeant, Essex Regt. now at Ely, Cambridgeshire., Major H. Shiner, D.S.O., M.C. now at Pulborough, Sussex, and A.A. Pettifer, M.M. late Private of the Bur I trust that this selection will be approved. Gen. Sir Charles Harrington, who did as much as any man during all four years to keep the flag flying in the Salient, will join our representativ if his return to Constantinople is postponed.

I am calling the attention of Branches to the hospitality offered by Toc H., in December, to two Austrian Students. This step I personally regard both as right and courageous, and hope that all Branches will show their approval by inviting a visit from these two delegates, who will have much that is moving and

enlightening to tell concerning the present situation in Eastern Europe.

Arrangements are also being made for a series of pilgrimages next year in continuance of those which achieved such success at Whitsuntide and September 1921. A further party to Ypres is contemplated at once after Christmas, and Headquarters will be glad to know of those who would wish to come. It should be an opportunity of seeing the old ground under the old conditions. The cost as previously will be £4.10.0 inclusive. At Easter 1922, an expedition is contemplated by Tramp Steamer to Bordeaux, and thence by train to the foot of the Pyreenees, followed by a walking party to Andorra. This is an adventure of the first order, and will take a fortnight in all. The cost will be extremely small, owing to the help of our Local Correspondent and Foundation Member, A.C. Miles, in Bordeaux. Probably about £8 will do the trick for the fortnight. At Whitsuntide there will be a further expedition to Ypres; and in July we hope to plan a very large pilgrimage to Ober-Amergeau, for the Passion Play. This occurs in 1922, after a lapse of ten years. It is difficult to estimate the cost of this pilgrimage at present, but it should not exceed £10 in all. We hope that a hundred Members will take part in it.

On January 6th. 1922 I sail on the "Empress of Britain" for a two month's lecture tour in Canada.

Tubby.

P.S. Will every man-jack, who can possibly do so, arrange to keep December 15th. clear for some terrific form of rejoicing? It is the Natal Day of Toc H., for on December 15th. 1915 the old House was born in Poperinghe. In London - but all this is a secret at present which wild "G.N's" shall not drag from me.

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TOC H., in the SPEN VALLEY.

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The Spen Valley Branch of Toc H., was started a few month's ago with a nucleus of three Foundation Members. It now has twenty keen spirits who are determined to keep going the work that Toc H., represents.

Meetings are held once a fortnight. Proceedings are commenced with a "high tea" and followed by a discussion or a lecture by the Guest of the evening.

A short time ago Mr. Waddington of Birstall gave an interesting lecture dealing with Social and Labour Conditions of the past and up to the present day. After his discourse, he was bombarded with questions in the usual Toc H., way.

At another meeting, Padre Wright gave a lecture on Toc H., and Social Service, the main feature being "How to help boys of 14 to 18 years of age". A great work to be done, which the Branch has put down for immediate investigation.

The winter programme is being arranged, and already includes a visit from Mr. T. Myers, M.P. among others.

If any Member of Toc H., finds himself roaming in the Spen Valley district, he will be sure of finding a warm welcome if he raoms a little further and looks up the Local Secretary, J.W. Lambert of Hall Lane, Liversedge, Yorks, or Padres Woodhouse and Wright of Flush House, Heckmondwike.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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Dear Mr.Editor,

Any Members who are in the habit of leaving bits of pasteboard on their friends,clients,customers and whatnot,will help the cause quietly by putting Toc H., on their cards,either after the V.C.,or above the Carlton Club. "Wot abart it?".

Yours and all that,

X.Y.Z. Toc H.

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Dear Mr.Editor,

Toc H.,Sports.

The surest means,though perhaps slow,for raising the money required by the Sports Club,is,I suggest,reliance on individual effort and enterprise.

For instance,quite a number of Members could arrange a small Whist Drive at home. The writer intends,if anyhow possible,to arrange for about 6 tables of Members and friends. At say,2/6d.,6 tables would produce £7 - deduct 15/- for prizes,leaving £2.5.0. If forty Members would do this, behold £90!

Now then ye Toc H.,Sportsmen,what are you going to do?

"Enthusiast".

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Extract from a letter received from a Talbotousian at Sydney University.

"I do not think we can hope for anything big in the way of any organised Club at present,but if we can show the ropes to any who find life getting the best of them instead of their getting the best of it,then we will feel we are doing something small to justify our Membership of Toc H.

That reminds me,I and others too,I understand,have been receiving all manner of "buckshee" literature and I think it would be quite a good scheme if we put things on a more honest basis."

I am hoping that I shall soon get in touch with Black and be able to be of some help.

With heartiest congrats.on your noble achievements to date - may the unfinished break never end.

Yours etc.
B.R.

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The sort of letter we don't want to turn down - so please let us hear from you about it.

20th.Hammersmith Troop of Boy Scouts (School Troop).

Dear Mr.Clayton,

Your name was given me at the Shephers Bush Labour Exchange as possibly knowing the right sort of man who has had Scout experience and could take over the Scoutmastership permanently of the above School Troop which is at the moment derelict. I have been the Care Committee Hon.Secretary of the School for the past ten years,and during the War,finding the boys (a very poor & rough type) quite out of hand, tried to start a Scout Troop. The matter of Scoutmasters has been the difficulty all along and in the four years we

have had eight,and none permanent! I am now without anyone to carry on and have appealed to the Chief Scout,the Scoutmasters Training Camp and the Local Association,so far in vain and if I cannot find anyone the Troop must be disbanded.

It was suggested that at Toc H.,you might find one living conveniently near to North Kensington or Hammersmith with some leisure evenings and above all,some Scout knowledge and knowledge of dealing with a difficult type of boy - rough and ready - the true London gamin - out for adventure and what he can get and not much knowledge of honour and obedience - but lovable.

If you could find me the right man I shall be so very grateful.

Yours faithfully,
(Miss) A.M.Clift.

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IMPERIAL WAR RELIEF FUND.

University Branch.

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All Members of Toc H.,are invited to assist in this great work on behalf of the suffering Students in Central Europe, and they can do the most good by telling their friends all about the work and getting them to help in some way or other.

Old clothes,boots,and technical books (medical,engineering, etc.)are greatly needed and of course financial assistance however small is always very thankfully received.

Forty nations are engaged in this great work of mutual help,which leads to international good feeling and fellowship, and in consequence is the surest way of preserving the world's peace.

We should help firstly because of humanity,and secondly because Great Britain is so dependant on Foreign Trade,that she can never recover her prosperity until the markets of Central Europe and Russia are open to her goods. Three fifths of our population live by Export Trade and today two millions of our fellow countrymen are out of work,simply because the Central European countries are in a state of absolute chaos.

Further information about the Relief work can be obtained from O.Montague-Williams of Mark 11 (123 St.George's Square S.W.1) and literature referring to the scheme will be sent to all Toc H.,Houses and Branches in the country.

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A 'BUS RIDE.

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The scene is a London 'bus roof and the characters are myself and another passenger,of whom I ask the way to St.George's Square.

He prefaces his direction with an enquiry,all his own! "Are you going to Toc H.?". My reply as the lawyer says, was in the negative,in fact very negative,and displayed to him a mind ignorant of Toc H.,in a manner quite inexcusable for one well acquainted with the beauties of Ypres and Poperinghe during the War that once was,and thats that! My humble confession.

The revivalist,missionary,pal,call him what you will,got his high power searchlight on my darkness,and dispelled the fog and got my interest going on his subject. In fact,I soon perceived that Toc H.,was my ultimate requirement in St. George's Square,as one of those who "dig" in London and yet find no home,but only a multiplicity of landladies of varying

degrees of rapacity.

Did I not feel the personal need to be helpful in some Social Service, totally denied to the wholly detached? Of course, and so I came to be led, gently in, as it were, by the hand into the realm of Toc H., to take my place in the big boys home, helpful to each other - mostly other as I witness to the kindly fellow on the top of the 24 'bus - did it for me.

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H O W L E R S.

By the Pupils of a scholastic Member of Toc H.

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1. "What does industrious mean?" "Kicking up a dust".

2. "The farmer in the summer cuts his cornswith a scythe". (We presume that a razor is sufficient in the winter)

3. "Brothers and sisters are revelations to each other.

4. "Adam and Eve lived alone in the garden of heathens".

5. "In the hope of getting worse he went to the doctor's". ('Papa' Wimbush in Harley Street, we presume).

6. "The meaning 'bashful' - If a motor bashed into you, those people in the car would be called bashful".

7. After a lesson on Physiology (Hygiene), the chief terms were summarised on the blackboard. Among them were collar-bone and spinal column.
With a hazy remembrance of these, one boy wrote in his composition (set some days later) "The gentleman had the misfortune to slip on a piece of orange peel and he broke his columbine and a spike in his back".

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THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

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What happened to the Oxford pilgrimage party recently and whether they enjoyed their enforced rest in the very nice ditch?

To whom did Archie MacLaren refer when he said after the crash

"Hame cam' our gudeman at e'en and hame came he,
And there he saw a motor car whaur nae car should be,
"And how cam' this car here and whose can it be?
Wi'oot the leave of me?".

When the Hon. Treasurer of the Sports Club intends to publish his book on "Goalkeepers I've met" and what he knows about the subject?.

Whether it will not soon be necessary for the Secretary of the Soccer Club to prevail upon the Railway Companies to provide special trains to carry our spectators to see the Club play?

What Tubby said when two small boys at Putney mistook him for "Winkle" the film star?

How to treat a very enthusiastic young fellow who causes great amusement at the Meetings of a certain Branch, and puts the Chairman in the most irritable state of mind by constantly snapping his fingers and performing other curious antics.

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TOC H., SPORTS CLUB.

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A few days ago, I met a very gloomy looking individual who informed me that he was the Hon. Treasurer of the Sports Club. I was deeply concerned to see so very good a sportsman looking so sad. Upon enquiry, I discovered that the cause of the gloom was the fact that quite a number of Members had not paid their Sports Subscriptions.

This is indeed a very sad state of affairs as you will soon discover. At the end of this month, a very "pukka" large sized invoice for a Sports Pavilion will arrive, and if it is not paid we shall soon have the bailiffs in.

While we do not expect the Members of Toc H., to foot this bill, we do expect them to help. If all Talbotousians will only do their bit, we will do the rest, but we are quite powerless to do everything. The Hon. Secretary of the Sports Club hangs out at Mark 11, and is waiting quite patiently to acknowledge receipt of all monies.

The Soccer teams have had some good games during October, and although they have lost rather more matches than they have won, the venture looks as though it is going to be wholly successful. Some reports on the games will be found on page 8.

The Rugger team is at present experimental. There are quite a number of Members who play this grand game but they appear to be shy of coming forward. We all know that some of the younger Members have other claims such as Old Boys Clubs and Colleges, but I put this to them for what it is worth. If they are not wanted for their 1st. teams, has not Toc H., as big a claim upon them as an Old Boys "A" team or a College "A" team? I may be carried away by my enthusiasm for Toc H., Sport and may have muddled up my ideas of the correct thing to do. If so, I can only point out that there is at least three Members playing Rugger for Toc H., who could quite easily get into their Old Boys 1st. teams if they desired to do so. There is quite a lot of keenness about these matters in Toc H., but we have room for more.

Toc H., has the use of a Golf Course at Stanmore and I am asked to say that some Members of the Club are keen to arrange a Handicap in the near future. Will all interested Members write to the Sports Editor (acting), giving their views on this subject? All correspondence will be handed to the man at the helm.

While we are on the subject of Sport, we may as well try to discover what can be done with Cricket next summer. Fixtures will have to be arranged shortly so we must find out what our strength is going to be. It is rather useless for us to fix games with teams possessing the ability of Westminster School unless we are stronger than we were last year. We know of a few Members who are interested in the game - will the others please speak up?

CHARTERHOUSE SCHOOL 4., TOC H. 1.

At Godalming, Oct.1st.
Toc H. W.J.Musters., R.Croucher, H.Cook., W.G.Ellison, T.H.Lyttle, S.M.W.Sheppard., C.Kerpen(Capt) J.R.Bridge, S.H.Purkiss, A.Carthusian, and L.C.Griffen.
Toc H., were unfortunately without J.D.Kelly who had been injured the previous week. The openigg exchanges were fairly exciting and after ten minutes play, a mistake by one of the Club backs let in the School inside left who made no mistake with his shot. The School attacked strongly but were prevented from increasing their score but the sound defence of the Club. During the first 20 minutes of the second half Toc H., attacked strongly and eventually scored through J.R.Bridge. The hot weather was plainly telling upon the Club players while the boys were as fresh as ever. In the last 15 minutes the School succeeded in scoring three times without further response.
We sincerely hope that the Charterhouse game will become an annual fixture.

From the Sunday Times.

Westminster School 1., Toc H. 4.

At Vincent Square, a powerful side of Toc H., defeated the School by 4 goals to 1. The boys played quite a good game, but were up against players like G.G.& B.S.Farnfield, and L.C.Griffen, late Capt.of Repton, etc. For a quarter of an hour there was no score, then G.G.Farnfield put the ball through, and after McFarlane had narrowly missed for the School, Farnfield again scored, despite the efforts of G.B.Keily who played a grand defensive game for the School. At the interval the score was 2-0 in favour of xxx Toc H. After the resumption the School had more of the game, the right wing showing good combination, and eventually their efforts were rewarded, Horton shooting a fine goal. Before the end Bridge and Griffen added further goals for Toc H. The boys who missed the services of Taylor at half, played up pluckily, especially R.J. Hartley in goal, who made some good saves, and showed good form against more experienced opponents.

The Sportsman. H.A.C. 4. Toc H. 2.

Judged on the opening half of this game at Finsbury yToc H., appeared likely to suffer a severe defeat, but after the interval they improved enormously, and in the end were unfortunate to be beaten by four goals to two. The Company who are still undefeated this season, possessed a clever inside trio in Tyrer, Williams and Soole, and it was their thoughtful passing that brought about the early undoing of the visitors. But for a splendid display by Musters, the H.A.C. would have had many more goals, two of his saves in the first 45 from Williams and Tyrer being superb. Cook was clever but outpaced, and it was left to Plaistowe to carry off the chief defensive honours, although Lyttle was not far behind in general excellence. Griffen led his forwards well and Boney and Purkiss were willing helpers without ever having much luck with their finishing efforts. For the Company, Mackenrot was the more reliable of the backs, although his two lapses almost brought disaster to his side. Morice proved a capable pivot, and the work of the attack contained few faults, the inside men combining with nice precision. H.A.C. quickly took the lead through Williams who followed up well. The attack of the Club at this stage was ragged, and Mackrenot and Harper were not unduly troubled. A second goal was soon registered by the H.A.C., Tyrer's shot being diverted past Musters by the right back. A few minutes later Soole secured a third point from an accurate centre by Austin. The visitors rallied and a long shot by Plaistowe caught Clark napping, and with the keeper only partially clearing, Boney opened the visitors score. Before half time, Williams increased the H.A.C. lead, but on resuming the home defence was very busily employed, Lyttle and Purkiss going close with commendable efforts. Twice the ball hit the home crossbar ere Boney reduced the arrears. The end came shortly after with the visitors pressing.

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EDITORIAL.

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The event of the month was, of course, Armistice Day. In the morning, Toc H., was represented at the Cenotaph Ceremony by Maj. Gen.R.S.May, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the Rev.T.Pym, D.S.O., ex C.S.M. Harry Moss, D.C.M., (Essex Regt) ex Pte.A.Pettifer M.M. (The Buffs), Capt.Mark Robinson, M.C. (Lincolns) and ex Bombdr.W.V.May (R.F.A.). One or two of these representatives have written about this event and extracts from their letters appear in this number.

The entertainment arranged by the Dramatic League made an excellent finish to the day. There was a good gathering of Members and their friends and we were very glad to welcome a contingent of wounded soldiers. After singing Rogerum, we reluctantly evacuated the position shortly before midnight - more or less according to plan.

Arrangements for the Birthday Party for December 15th. are proceeding apace. A special Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance will be held at St.Martin's in the Field, Trafalgar Square, at 7 p.m. when Padre Tom Pym, D.S.O. will give a short address. By kind permission of the Duke of Westminster, we are allowed to adjourn after the Service to Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor St.W.1., for what looks like being a glorious supper and concert. We are officially informed that the world's most comic policemen, Conjurers and Handcuff Kings will be present in addition to George Robey and others.

Tickets for the Supper and Concert cost 2/- and may be obtained on application to the Anniversary Secretary at the Editorial Offices before December 12th. Full particulars and application forms for tickets are being sent out and will probably reach Town Members with the December News Sheet. Members intending to be present will greatly help if they will order their tickets immediately. Regulation Clothes:- Anything except Evening Dress.

Captain Rouse's Concert Party provided a most delightful evening at Mark 1 on November 23rd. and Gen.Sir Charles Harrington in a most interesting account of the situation at Constantinople explained the latest way of playing the War game.

The front page would be quite incomplete without a reference to Finance. The Editorial Office has not yet been swamped by the flood of subscriptions though the stream continues to flow and the number received tops the hundred. We have not yet had occasion to acknowledge receipt of a bulk subscription from any Branch Secretary but we are still hoping. In case Members have forgotten the price, may we again mention that the yearly subscription for the News Sheet is 2/6d.?

In this issue will be found a note about a performance by the Toc H., Dramatic League on December 8th at King George's Hall, Caroline Street, Tottenham Court Road. This is worthy of support. The proceeds go towards the funds of the Sports Club and the Dramatic League.

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"IN THE BEGINNING"

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I feel confident that his Mother will not mind the following extract being quoted from a recent letter of her's to explain it. One of the earliest friends of Toc H., was Lieutenant Hartley Moore of the Dorsets.

On December 18th.1915 at about 8 o'clock in the morning, he walked in and found me asleep in the chair in the sitting room, which at that time was the room nearest the front door. I had (I think) been up all night, dealing with a crowd of officers going on leave and returning from it. I had cooked the last sausage at about 4.30 and had since been sleeping where he had found me. Hartley Moore took in the situation from the first, needed no explanations, helped me get our own breakfasts and talked with whimsical inconsequence all the time. He stayed with me part of that day and I saw him again two or three times before his death.

Across this gap of years, with more than my fair allowance of friendships, he is quite unforgettable. Here then is the extract from his letter written on the 20th.December 1915 to his Mother. It pleased him to write in the style of Pepys Diary, as you may see. It is probably the most authentic picture of Poperinghe and Talbot House during those first few days that can be placed on record.

"We did arrive at this place where I now write, at about three in the morn and did give thanks that the weather was not bad. Fortunate too, to find a roof under which to pass the remainder of the night though all beds were full and I was constrained to sleep on the floor, which is no great hardship in War-time. I did sleep but fitfully, for the shells were dropping right into the twon all night, and one so close that it seemed just outside the building, but did not explode, whereat God be praised. This nuisance did cease at dawn and I did sleep for an hour, but rose at 7.30 and proceeded to the office of one named "R.T.O." who should direct me to my Brigade: but no, he has no news so that I did sally forth in search of sustenance, and a long, long way, as the ditty has it, before I found any, but at length did happen upon a Hotel where I was greeted by a Padre, a most delightful fellow of the University of Oxford. He did haste and procure me a breakfast, tongue and cocoa, both of which I loathe, but did bolt with much gusto by reason of a tight stomach. And after much pleasant conversation, he, taking a most violent fancy to me, and accepting my card, (pshaw!), I did depart once more, though fain to enjoy more of his company. I know no more of him than that he is Clayton of the Bedford Regiment."

The hierglyphic after the word "card" indicated he was putting on side, and is explained by the fact that his first cards had been printed only a few days before.

His Mother writes:-

"I feel the utmost sympathy with the objects you have in view. The spirit of service and sacrifice which the War made manifest in all classes, was the one great fact which seemed to make the suffering worth while. In the struggle for existence now going on, it seems to have been extinguished, but that surely cannot be, knowing as I do through Hartley, something of the boys who are to be Members of Toc H. I feel sure that you have found one of the surest ways to foster and keep alive that spirit. With all my heart I wish you and your work God speed.

P.B.C.

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THE TOC H., DRAMATIC LEAGUE.

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A Dramatic League has been formed to encourage the Art of the Theatre in and through Toc H., as a means of intelligent recreation among all classes. Membership is open to all Members of Toc H., who are willing to place their services at the disposal of the Committee, both for selection for parts and in other functions. The Subscription is 2/6d. per annum and those desirous of becoming Members, and requiring further information, should communicate with the Hon.Secretary, T.J.Bosley, Toc H., Mark 111., 148 York Road, S.E.1.

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A Dramatic Performance will be held on Thursday, December 8th. at 8 p.m. in the King George's Hall, Caroline St. Tottenham Court Road, W.C.

The Toc H., Dramatic League will present the following plays:-

1. "WURZEL-FLUMMERY". A Comedy by A.A.Milne.

2. "A NIGHT OF THE TROJAN WAR". A Poetic Play by John Drinkwater.

3. "THE TWELVE POUND LOOK". A Comedy by J.M.Barrie.

TICKETS:- 5/-., 3/6., 2/4., & 1/7., may be obtained from:-

F.W.Mathew, Toc H., Mark 1., 23 Queen's Gate Gardens, S.W.7.
W.Montague-Williams, Mark 11., 123 St.George's Square, S.W.1.
& T.J.Bosley, Mark 111., 148 York Road, S.E.1.

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"FOR THE CAUSE THAT NEEDS ASSISTANCE FOR THE GOOD THAT I CAN DO".

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(a). We have some six Clubs for men and boys running during the week and one of the Boys' Clubs I am hoping to extend by opening another room with a small billiard table in it (there would of course be other games) but I sadly need some really reliable assistance on the Saturday evening from 7 to 9.30. If my proposal materialises it will mean that the Club will be held in two separate rooms and a responsible person must be in charge of each section or room. I am not looking altogether and only for an experienced man, although of course, I would prefer experience to inexperience, but I am prepared to supervise anyone you could send myself. What I do need is regularity in attending each Saturday.

(b). On Saturday afternoons from 2 to 4, I have the use of an L.C.C. School playground for boys in which to play football. At present I look after this myself and generally act as referee in the matches. Have you anyone who could do this? The playground is in Cobourg Road (just off the Old Kent Road).

(c). We have a Guild for young men and boys (Communicants) each Thursday evening at 8.15., until just before 10. Could you occasionally send me someone who would give a lecture which would be compelling, uplifting and instructive - not necessarily devotional. I am almost always present and preside at these meetings myself.

(d). On Thursday evenings we also have from 7.15 onwards a League of Hope (Temperance) for boys and girls who are too old for Band of Hope. Most of the Members have left school and are at work. I am wanting someone who could teach the boys some kind of woodwork or engage their interests in some other useful occupation.

H.Mopey, Assistant Missioner, U.C.S.M. Clergy House,
Sandover Road, Albany Road, S.E.

BIRMINGHAM AGAIN.

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We are informed that this Branch held its third monthly Supper on November 25th.at Dingley's Hotel when 16 Members welcomed as the Guest of the Evening,S.M.W.Sheppard of the London Branch.

After enjoying pork and (or) chicken and other eatables and drinks,the gathering sat around a cosy fire and listened to the 'bloke' from London talk on Toc H.,and all it means. We understand that the victim is still trying to recover his voice and is constantly endeavouring to answer questions in his sleep.

The news of the Birthday Party to be held in London on the 15th was received with joy and three Members at ,east,are making the journey to town to be present at all three events,viz.St.Martin's, Grosvenor House and Bow Street (for the remainder of the night).

On Friday,January 13th.(13th.and Friday! - its asking for trouble Ed.) the First Annual Supper of the Branch will be held at Meek & Borellas Ltd.The Horse Fair,Bristol Street at 7.30 p.m. On this occasion,Members are allowed and even requested to bring their lady friends. Members from other Branches are earnestly requested to put in an appearance on this night should they be in or near 'Brum'. For the benefit of those who have used their previous News Sheets for shaving paper,we would again mention that the Local Secretary is W.H.Field and he hangs out at 71 Newhall St.

This Local Secretary,being an optimistic soul,asks Members of his Branch to come forth with their subscriptions for 1922,sometime in January. The minimum subscription is 2/6d.but more would undoubtedly be accepted from rich and moderately rich men!

A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year is the wish of the (B)RUM BRANCH to the whole of Toc H.

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ARMISTICE DAY at the CENOTAPH.

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I shall ever remember with great pride,the honour bestowed upon myself when selected to represent Toc H.,on Armistice Day.

I shall never forget the most extraordinary feeling during the two minutes' silence - a feeling as if hundreds of unseen figures passed by us - and there flashed before me mentally the whole period in which I knew the old place in Poperinghe - so very vivid were some of the scenes.

I know how unworthy I am of Toc H.,to have had such a tremendous honour placed upon me. It cannot and will not fail to stimilate every possible ounce of energy I can give to help further the cause and try to make myself worthier each day of those who were Talbot House and those who are now Toc H.

H.M.

I wish to thank you very much for asking me to represent Toc H., at the Cenotaph Ceremony - it was a request that I appreciate very much indeed,although I felt an awfully incompetent person to do it.

We had great difficulty in pushing through the crowd to get into position but we eventually succeeded and were placed in front of all the ex-Service mens' Shows.

I heard various conversations between representatives of the British Legion and they said some very nice things about Toc H.

The Toc H.,Armlet was worn by all our representatives with the exception of General May.

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Harry Moss of The Mount Farm,Hedgerley Corner,Farnham Royal,Bucks., extends an invitation to an unlimited number of Members of Toc H., to pay a visit to Farnham Royal and Burnham Beeches. Will hundreds of Members accept his invitation and tell him when they are coming?

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

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What the members of the Casuals Football Team thought when the "crowd" cheered them on their first appearance at New Barnet and if it is true that the captain shook the'crowd' warmly by the hand?

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Whether it is true that the famous car known by the name of "Dan Leno" has already been smashed and what the Hon.Chauffer had to drink with his dinner on the evening of the calamity?

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Whether it is true that the Members of the Canteen Committee at Mark 11 intend to buy a Ford Car with the profits received from their Canteen and what they intend to do with the odd three farthings?

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How many stars the'Reg' saw when a very robust forward slammed a football into his face recently and what he said when he recovered- and also what the robust forward thought about it all?

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WE TAKES OUR 'ATS OFF AND LIKEWISE BOWS TO:-

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F.W.DICKINSON on his appointment as Headmaster of the Central Schools,Cheltenham.

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E.STANLEY for again being returned unopposed as representative of the ex-Servicemen on the Cheltenham Town Council.

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G.R.SPRAGG.for his triumphant progress through South Africa with Sir Frank Benson but we hope he does not eat all the dinners he is attending.

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K.KEAY for adding another little K. to the alphabet.

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PAT LEONARD for having played centre forward at Rugger for the Rhine Army at Cologne in 1915.(Vide "Daily Sketch").

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The SPEN VALLEY BRANCH for the admirable Service of Commemoration they held on Armistice Day.

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FRANK CHURCHILL for making the Toc H.,business "buzz" down Southampton way.

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R.G.FARNFIELD & S.H.PURKISS for scoring 9 goals and 7 goals respectively in three Soccer matches for Toc H.

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The TOC H.,RUGBY TEAM on their first victory of the season.

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W.H.NICKLIN for the splendid work he has put in on the new Toc H.,Sports Ground at New Barnet.

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PRESS NIGHT.

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The facts,men and brethren are these. You were,as an act of Christian goodwill,to have been spared a spasm of P.B.C.in the December issue. This reprieve is however now cancelled by unforeseen circumstances which I hasten to explain. The Editor (bless him) is in his little bed long ago. But the printers work reaches its climax when the Editor has gone his way. This is more particularly the case with our Editor,whose writing is not only symbolic in character,but deceptive in length. It is all very well to say that quality is preferable to quantity,but at 2 a.m.on a December morning it is a grave enough matter to be told that the News Sheet is a page and a half short.

Behold then that heroic figure,the Registrar,seated as he even now is before his typewriter. He has been cutting stencils for the past four hours,greatly to the vexation of Pearce who prefers bed at the conventional hour. Pearce,by the way,as all the world knows is an orphan collie,whose erstwhile master is now in British East, dealing (as the saying goes)in apes and ivory. Upon my entry into the Registrar's Office with sundry documents - for I too am making a night of it - I am instructed to get me back and write the spacial wherewithal in order that the N.S.may go forward without delay. I am told,moreover,that its texture is to be light and that the subject matter is a point of supreme indifference. This is enough to drive a man to minor verse. As it is,I choose the lesser temptation of anecdotage.

I have (you will be startled to hear) been tidying my room! Usually I content myself with tidying other people's. They have (I feel)more time to find their things again than I have. But let that pass.

As a man grows older,his views on the Teleological significance of circumstantial phenomena become more arbitrary. In other words, he knows what he wants around him,and why. For example,clothes to me are simply a series of ingenious contrivances designed to give man pockets. The kangaroo has these by nature;and is in this respect,man's superior,in the same way as English billiard tables are one up on those indigenous to France. If a tailor,in the days when I had one,attempted to deprive me of a possible pocket,I used to argue with him firmly. I should now simply leave him on the spot, for it is dangerous for such men to be at large. They are (the last phrase seems familiar) a disgrace to their cloth.

By a similar process of reasoning,rooms may at once be seen to be merely suits - or suites - of a more durable character. A room to me is an affair of cupboards only;and its value and virtue is measured solely by its capacity for containing my past and present belongings,which are mainly (to judge by tonights researches)picture postcards of the Cloth Hall and scraps of paper. But we all know by now with what reverence scraps of paper should be regarded by honest men.

Tonight I unsealed a tin box that has been virtually immune from interference since the days of Poperinghe. Out came old notices by the score,canteen accounts,letters from everyone about everything,three sticks of Bosche cordite,Town Major's orders,Corps News Sheets announcing Russian victories,and an original edition of No.1 of the Kemmel Times;this last belonging (it seems) to one Roland Fulton,9/7/16,and printed and published by "Sherwood, Forester & Co." Gilbert Frankau was,I see,writing for it,but I'm chiefly pleased with the "meat tea and social in aid of the fund for providing the blue body-belts for bucolic Belgians",and with the advertisement of the DRAMOUTRE ELECTRIC THEATRE - this week - that Stupendous Film Play,entitled GAS - will be released - In three parts,10,000 feet long. Featuring TWEN TEFORTH in an entirely new role. Who or what I wonder is T.T.? In Toc H.,these initials stand for some one who was then a hardworking R.E.Sergeant,and is now an honoured name.

Stay a moment. The tin box yields another final keepsake. This is a scrap of French linen paper,written upon in pencil in an unformed French hand. I picked it up,all covered with cobwebs,on my last night in France,which was spent with old Higgon at Samer.

It had fallen half behind the wardrobe in my billet. These are the words it contains,and I only wish the News Sheet could render a facsimile of the work of thisdisciple of "Fair Katherine, and most fair".

Francais	=	Anglais.
Je parle mal	=	I speak badly.
Vous parlez mieux	=	You speak better.
Je fume un cigare	=	I smoke a cigar.

and the date 12/1/18.

On the other side in the same childish hand,with many corrections- "To my dear Jack with best love and kiss from your sincere Emily, and plenty kiss of Simonne,your friends of Samer".

Think no evil,as I did at first. For when I asked the mother,I felt rebuked by the photograph she showed me. Emilienne and Simonne were the two small children,by now in bed. Jack had been kind to them,and had written until March 1918;but since then,not again. "Le bon Dieu" knew,and the children had not ceased to pray. Who told me yesterday that France and England were again estranged? Their politicians perhaps,but my faith is but that the little children of a truth are less forgetful.

P.B.C.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL.

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Constant enquiries are naturally being made concerning the 1922 successor to the Christmas Spirit. We regret that it is impossible to produce the Second Annual before Christmas Spirit but in all probability a smaller edition will be produced for Easter 1922.

Further particulars of this production will be given later. In the meantime we should like to know how many Members would like copies of this book.

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TOC H., SPORTS CLUB.

November has proved a very successful month for the First Soccer XI,three games being won,one drawn and the remaining game lost. The actual scores were:-

Nov.5th.	v. B.S.Farnfield's XI.	Lost 0 - 5.
12th.	v. Bradfield College.	Won 9 - 3.
19th.	v. Casuals "A".	Won 4 - 2.
26th.	v. Old Brentwoods	Won 3 - 2.
30th.	v. Lancing College.	Drawn 1 - 1.

All were very good games with perhaps the game with Lancing as the outstanding match.

Hitherto we have kept very silent on the merits of the "A" team and we must confess that this is because it has not been very successful. However,on November 23rd.this team registered its first victory by defeating Highgate School II.,by 5 goals to 3. This team is gradually improving and will soon win more games. Another notable event was the first victory of the Rugby XV on the 26th.The London Scottish "B" being beaten by 10 pts.to 3. A brief account of this game is given on page 8.

We hear with great regret that the pathetic appeal in last month's number has not been greatly appreciated. At least the Hon.Treasurer and the Hon.Secretary have not been overworked through acknowledging receipt of subscriptions. Perhaps we had better remind Members again about the size of the subscriptions. The minimum sub. is 5/- per season,i.e.5/- for Soccer or Rugger and 5/- for Cricket or Tennis. Hon.Membership of the Sports Club can be obtained for the trifling minimum sub.of 2/6d.per season. Now is there anything doing.

One word more and that is that Members of Toc H.,can obtain tea at the Pavilion at New Barnet any Saturday afternoon when the Club is playing at Home. The cost is quite light - 9d.per head.

BRADFIELD COLLEGE 5. TOC H., 9.

Nov.12th.AT Bradfield. The College put up a plucky display against a stronger side when TocH.,won by 9-5 after a very fast game. The visitors forwards combined very well,with G.G.Farnfield always conspicuous on the left. After the play had been for the most part in the College half the boys rallied towards the end and scored three goals before the final whistle. Stopford played a great game for the College at back and Langham-Carter was always working hard against clever forwards. In the forward line Pressie and Parker were the outstanding players. G.G.Farnfield scored four points for Toc H.,Kelly twice,Bridge and B.S. Farnfield once each; for the College,Gilbert twice and Clarke once. Toc H. W.J.Musters;R.I.Croucher,S.M.W.Sheppard;J.E.S.Attlee,W.G. Ellison,S.Yeatman;H.R.Grice,J.R.Bridge,J.D.O'Kelley,B.S.Farnfield and G.G.Farnfield.

TOC H. 4. CASUALS "A". 2.

Nov.19th.at New Barnet.A rather scrambling game ended in a win for Toc H.,by four goals to two. The heavy going made accurate play difficult,and neither side showed to the best advantage. The Casuals pressed from the start and the scoring was soon opened for them by Mander after a good run by the left wing. The Toc H forwards then pressed heavily but missed several opportunities in front of goal. G.G.Farnfield soon equalised the scores with a fine shot,and half time came with the score 1 - 1
Some better football was seen in the second half,though a mistake by one of the Toc H.,backslet a second goal through for the visitors. The Toc H.,forwards then asserted themselves and G.G. Farnfield scored twice in quick succession. The Casuals worked hard to equalise,but eventually Bridge put Toc H.,further ahead with a brilliant shot. Slater played a fine game at left half for the Casuals and G.G.Farnfield showed glimpses of his best form at outside left.
Toc H. W.J.Musters;R.I.Croucher,S.M.W.Sheppard;H.H.Michelbacher, T.H.Lyttle,J.K.W.Trueman;R.Day,J.R.Bridge,S.H.Burkiss,B.S.Farnfield,and G.G.Farnfield.

TOC H.,R.F.C. v. LONDON SCOTTISH "B".

Played at Malden,Nov.26th. Owing to the fog and other contingencies Toc H.,only turned out eleven men,but the Scottish lent them two, and with sides of thirteen a good game resulted.
Two tries were obtained by J.A.Holmes,both far out. C.H.C.Conway succeeded in converting both. Five minutes before the interval the Scottish obtained a try near the touch line. The kick failed. No side went with the score:- Toc H.,10 points (2 goals),London Scottish "B" 3 points (1try).
The forwards of Toc H.,were improved,but the outsides were weak with the exception of MJ.Williams of Mark 1.,who shone as a full back.

'SOCCER' FIXTURES for December.

1st.XI. Dec.10th. v.OLD MALVERNIANS at Bickley Hall,Chislehurst.
17th. v.CRAY WANDERERS at St.Mary Cray.
31st. v.CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL at Catford.

"A" Team. Dec.10th. v.St.Martins-in-the-Fields.
17th. v.British & North European Bank at New Barnet.
31st. v.Old Citizens "A" at New Barnet.

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EDITORIAL.

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Many thanks for Xmas Greetings. A Happy New Year to all Members of Toc H.,and others.

The special features of this Number are:- the Birthday Party, by one who was there; News from Cheltenham; and the Sports Ground at New Barnet. If Cricket and Tennis are to flourish at Barnet this year,now's the time to get busy so pay heed to what Sport says.

It would be unseemly for this page not to express how much we are indebted to the Duke of Westminster for the use of Grosvenor House on our Birthday. We are sure that all Members of Toc H., whether present or not,will say "Thankyou".

Our readers will be glad to know that arrangements are being made whereby the News Sheet will publish articles by the Rev.Tubby Clayton on his tour in Canada.

We are pleased to report that subscriptions in payment for this Journal continue to flow in but there are still many Members who have omitted to put themselves right in the eyes of the Editorial Department and we shall be obliged if they will note that the price is still the same - 2/6d.per year.

A drawback to the Cyclostyled Journal is that the official or nominal Editor does not have the last word. No proofs are submitted and no guarantees for accuracy can therefore be given.

A Member from Durham has suggested that in future the News Sheet should be called "The Spectrum". Will other Members say what they think of this?

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CLUB BLAZERS AND NECK TIES.

A fresh stock of Club Blazers has been secured by Headquarters and may be obtained from the Registrar on payment of £2. This price includes the Ypres Crest which is being used as the Toc H., Badge. Members when ordering,should give chest measurements.

The Club necktie may be obtained from N.L.Haynes of Mark 11., on payment of 3/- (postage extra).

We shall be pleased if as many Members as possible will purchase and wear the Club necktie - it is an extremely sober looking article in black and amber and is very attractive.

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THE HISTORY OF TOC H. (Talbot House)

A book on this interesting subject has been written by one Barclay Baron,who,as a result of previous sins,was awarded the O.B.E. An unlimited supply of these books may be obtained from the Registrar at Mark 11.,at the extraordinary low price of 6d.per copy,post free.

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THE LONDON CLUB COMMITTEE.

Many Members are aware of the fact that there is a thing known as the Toc H.,London Club Committee. This Committee at present consists of the Padre and the Registrar as ex officio Members.,Messrs. L.F.Attwater,G.R.Barry,R.I.Croucher,F.P.Gregory,S.M.W.Sheppard, W.H.Nicklin,and C.A.Lehman,representing the London Membership,and Messrs.C.H.C.Conway,R.A.Proughten,H.Wimbush,L.Prideaux-Brune,H.U. Willink,and G.S.Hoare,representing the Hostellers in London.

The matter of the moment is that this Committee ceases to function at the end of next month and a fresh Committee is to be elected in its place.

For the new Committee,six Hostellers will be elected by the residents of the London Hostels and twelve non-residential Members will be elected by the London Membership.

Members are now requested to send nominations,which should be proposed and seconded,to the Registrar at Mark 11.,not later than January 30th. All such nominations received will be published in the February News Sheet for the purpose of election. Full instructions concerning the method of voting will be given next month.

Non-residential Members are asked to note (a) that they should not nominate or vote for Hostellers and (b) that the Members representing them on the last Committee are eligible for re-election.

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THE EDINBURGH BRANCH.

Edinburgh is really beginning to wake up. We are terribly afraid of indecorous haste or of an unseemly enthusiasm,but we had a very jolly Meeting of the 12th.December and a very pleasant and informative discussion after supper on the points of special interest in getting to work in Edinburgh. P.B.C.was the principal guest of the evening and stirred up our enthusiasm in a most disconcerting fashion - it is a way he has. We want to follow the lead so splendidly given by the other Branches which are already hard at work,but we have one great disadvanatge in the initiation of our Branch - viz.the lack of Foundation Members,who learned in a practical way during the cruel days of War,the beauty and uplift of the Spirit of Toc H.,which is surely nothing less than the Spirit of our Lord.

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THE BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

Owing to the lateness of this issue,a very noble effort in the way of an advertisement,by the Local Secretary has been entirely wasted.

The Branch is holding its First Annual Supper on Friday,13th. and we are informed that Members,as a special concession,are allowed to bring their lady friends. We wish them a very successful show and a good start for the New Year.

The Editorial Department has been asked to murmur that the Local Secretary hopes that all Birmingham Members will produce their Subscriptions for 1922 immediately and without waiting to be asked again. We need hardly say that the Registrar heartily endorses these sentiments.

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We have received the following letter from the Rev.Tom Pym,D.S.O. and shall be grateful if any Members can supply the desired information.

"I wonder if you were in Pop.in December 1916 and whether you could put me on the lines of discovering the C.of E. Padre responsible at that time for the 11th.Battalion of the West Yorks who were then in Pop? The family have endeavoured without success to extract this information from the Chaplain-General's Offive. (I cannot understand why they should be so bad at producing this kind of information!).

However,I shall be most grateful for any information or suggestions you could give me on the subject. If you could only tell me what Division that Battalion would be likely to be in at the time,or that Chaplain other than P.B.C.who knew Pop.so well about then it would be worth while my writing to him.

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THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The Cheltenham Branch celebrated its First Anniversary on Tuesday,22nd.November,when a full turn out of Members and friends rolled up to welcome Tubby.

Before the War,where "in Cheltenham town dyspeptic flaunted his Finery";such a Meeting would have been impossible,but even in this stronghold of snobbery and caste,the barriers of "class" have been shaken by the world upheaval and the forces of Toc H.,seem like to breach them.

Anyway,on the 22nd.November,sixty good men and true,representative of every rank and occupation,gathered together and mixed up in the most delightful way to greet the Innkeeper of Pop.

At least half a dozen Officers of Field Rank,and one time lesser fry of every grade were there,four or five Padres and last but not least,six of our St.Dunstan's Boys and two from St.Martin's Surgical Home.

After an excellent feed we stood for our customary half minute's silent tribute to our pals who have gone west and then Tubby wandered amongst the tables and bubbled in his own inimitable way.

After the cloths had been removed,the Hon.Sec.,whose previous attempts to introduce Tubby had been frustrated by a roll of bread in the eye,again got on his legs and after a brief account of the year's proceedings told Tubby to carry on. P.B.C.thereupon fell into serious vein,outlined the history and aims of Toc H.,and urged us to forge slowly ahead,keeping the true Toc H.,spirit and to stick to our ideals. It is unnecessary to say that he gripped his audience from the start,cemented his old friendships and laid the foundations for many new ones. The applause at the end was loud and long.

At this stage the St.Dunstan's Orderly arrived for his blind boys but they were not allowed to go until they had heard "Rogerum" in Tubby's best mood,with Padre Crisford from Swindon,at the piano. It was the first time this soul stirring ditty of the "Westminsters" had been heard at Cheltenham and it took at once,the choruses being shared in great style,none joining in more heartily than blind Charlie,down whose poor scarred checks the tears of mirth were running.

Charlie and his pals having been started off there were various suggestions and discussions as to future plans - the Meeting unanimously deciding to invite the Austrian ex-Officer,due at H.Q.,to visit Cheltenham in December.

Tubby then demanding a photograph of the company,a move was made to Urwin's Studios where that long suffering Member immortalised the Members present,with the exception of a half a dozen who feared certain lectures from their spouses,and the resultant group taken by artificial light very near the witching hour,will be handed down to our descendants as a treasured heir loom and will be produced when we are asked the question "What did you do after the Great War,Daddy?"

Returning to the ~~Concert~~ Cosy Corner - another dose of Rogerum and then the "King" terminated a wonderful night.

Tubby's adventures with the ticket-collectors and taxi drivers, and his vain endeavours to get his hair cut do not come within the scope of this chronicle; it suffices to say that he and a shivering local Secretary emerged from their warm beds at a godless hour the next morning and after a hurried "brekker",shared with the taxi driver,P.B.C.embraced the booking clerk through his pigeon hole and marched down the platform,loudly singing a libellous song about Sergeant Majors,and was safely shut into the London train.

C.G.

Another interesting report from Cheltenham is being held over for the present owing to lack of space and the fact this News Sheet belongs to Toc H.,and not Cheltenham. However,if other Branches do their pull their socks up,we can get akl the MSS we want from C.G..

THE OLD MARCHING SONG.

In response to numerous requests from our Branches, we publish below, the words of "Rogerum". Unfortunately our patent printing press will not print music but we hope to rectify this at a later stage.

The Padre asks us to state that although, by themselves, the words look almost blasphemous, he begs those who are inclined to condemn their perpetuation to remember how closely they are associated in the minds of early Members with the indomitable pluck and humour of marching men.

These words were re-written for the News Sheet on 23rd. December, curiously enough the very night on which the Westminsters (or what was left of them) came down out of the 19th.- 20th. December Gas Attack in 1915, into the billet next door to the Old House, with the Chorus of "Rogerum" welling up out of the darkness. Then, at midnight, L/Cpl. (afterwards Capt.) Lowman came in for aspirin, and told the Padre of Stretcher Bearer Arthur Wingfield, once a Church Army Captain, who had given his Gas Mask (the old P.H.) to the wounded man he was carrying along the Polizje Road..... therefore the song, to certain Members of Toc H., so far from being blasphemous, is sacred.

R O G E R U M.

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Now there was a rich man, and he lived in Jerusale-um,
Glory, Alleybelar-eum, O Rogerum!
And he used to live on the fat of the Land-eum,
Glory, Alleybelar-eum, O Rogerum!
O Rogerum, O Rogerum,
O Slingamy-lingamy-or-eum, O Rogerum!

Now there was a poor man, and he lived in Jerusal-eum,
Glory etc.
And he used to live on the crumbs from the rich man's table-eum,
Glory etc.
O Rogerum etc.

Now the poor man he died, and he went up to Heaven-eum,
Glory etc.
And sat himself adown on the starboard side of Abraham,
Glory etc.
O Rogerum etc.

Now the rich man he died, and he did'nt fare so well-eum,
Glory etc.
For the Devil he came, and he popped him down to hell-eum,
Glory etc.
O Rogerum etc.

And the rich man he cried "O send me down some water-eum,
Glory etc.
But the Devil he said "This ain't no Ritz Hotel-eum,
Shovel on some coal-eum,
O Rogerum etc.

Now, if any of you should chance to go to Heaven-eum,
Glory etc.
Remember that the dinner hour is always at eleven-eum,
Glory etc.
O Rogerum etc.

If you want to get hold of the unforgettable lilt of the tune go to the Ironmongery Department of Harrod's Stores; there you will find Dick Horn (once Rifleman Q.W.R.) and now in a frock coat, who did more to teach it, through the "Fancies", to the B.E.F. than anyone else.

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THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF TOC H.

15th. DECEMBER 1921.

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Mankind, in its rare moments of gratitude, resembles nothing so much as a nursery full of children who have just unpacked their stockings on a Christmas Morning. They are at once curious as to the source of all these good things and the fun begins. The choice of gifts argues an understanding giver; yet Father with a twinkle in his eye boldly disowns all knowledge, and once more suggests the chimney. Father's denial is in fact merely a way that all good fathers have, and sometimes it seems that it is not only human fathers that would thus playfully deceive their children.

The child growing in discernment rejects all chimney theories firmly and so did Toc H., on its sixth Birthday.

Thanks to the St. Martin's Guild of Fellowship, the family assembled in the crypt and got caught up there into the spirit of the thing from the beginning; and with the opening carol of the service itself laid the great and growing friendship whence it first came. This was the motif from first to last. The hymns set it to music. The Lectern reiterated it. The prayers turned on it and the Rev. Tom Lyn echoed and enforced it.

Thus for the Padre. Now the 'Anny' Sec. is very 'sec' (?!) that certain Members lost their hats in the beer jugs and blamed it on to the "ideal cloak room". One of the Padre's pens is gripped firmly in the hope that it will pull us through. Our one regret is that Mrs. Siddons was not unveiled to see this huge unique family capering Sir Roger de Coverley like wild lambs in spring.

Pale but full of emotion, we hemmed the noble Registrar into a barricade, which we labelled "Enquiry Bureau", and after instructing him as to the axact map reference of the liquid refreshments, awaited bravely the family of 700 to the revelry.

We have not yet solved the identity of the first arrival of the family (which nearly doubled itself during the evening,) a small fat man, he hurried in looking neither to the left or to the right, and without hesitation was lost in the supper room. Endeavouring to solve the mystery, the Padre informed us that he had without doubt spent two successive nights in the train and was a splendid fellow. Fortunately those who followed him were not so hungry, and the latest arrivals, some of whom no doubt had paid for their suppers, did their very best to satisfy their hunger by reading the notice "Supper Room" from afar off. No ears were reported missing and the Band of the London Rifle Brigade (by kind permission of Col. A.S. Bates, D.S.O., T.D. Toc H.,) went off the deep end.

The event of the evening was the arrival of H.R.H. Prince Henry, who received an enormous ovation. After being welcomed by Lord Salisbury, he read a message from H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Patron of Toc H.

"The General" (ex-Private Pettifer late 237/1st. Buffs) then thanked H.R.H. Prince Henry briefly and his words were endorsed by deafening applause.

The Dance and Concert then proceeded. Malcolm Davidson delighted everyone with his rendering of English Folk Songs. Miss Minna Woodhead sang three very beautiful songs. J.K.W. Trueman gave of his best and Frank Loud, A. Crouch, P.H. Zillwood and George Winchcombe all contributed to the success of the programme.

The fun ran high and the beer ran low (in the basement), and then midnight found the last reveller still looking for his hat. Of the old friendships re-met, of the new friendships formed, the count could not be taken. Suffice it here that the Grosvenor House Ghost has never known a happier night than the night of the 15th. December when the Toc H., spirit ran him to the ground and the ever resource-ful Registrar signed him on.

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Way down in Hertfordshire - a very short way be it said - there is a green field in the desneme of Folly Farm, New Barnet.

About this field, a certain dream is recorded as having been dreamt by no less a person than the Hon. High Archimandricke of the Sports Club and several of his retainers concurrently and conjointly on more than one occasion. It is also recorded that the Hon. Keeper of the Privy Purse (very privy at present!), his eyes dim with over grief, still sees the dream writ large over his sorry ledger. This dreams runs thuswise - the field is thick with men and boys - flannelled, playing cricket and tennis - unflannel, bathing in the sumptuous bathing pool. The field is already full and still more come - from east and west - rich men, poor men, beggar men and Government Officials. Strong men leap hurdles, weak men beetle. All seem forgetful whence they came, whither they go, and they return yet again, when the dream is repeated.

The field is alive with tents and the great motley company return not to the hot smoky city until the Monday morn, when the knees are weak and the heads weaker. The dreamers speak with one on the fring of the field "What's up mate?". "Kind and honoured sirs, this company have found the joy of playing the game for the love of the thing in this beautiful country spot; they bring their friends, and the boys from their Clubs here and they come always again from the hot smoky city - these men, leaving the work and dust behind - in the friendship and joy of the thing". Kind and honoured sirs, will you make this something more than a dream for us all?

And the Hon. Keeper of the Very Privy Purse awoke rudely and put his hands into the coffers and wept into the emptiness thereof. (Subscriptions and Donations (up to any amount) in cash and kind are (now due from Members and friends, to the Toc H., Sports Club.

A Life Membership of the Sports Club will be presented to the Member who submits the best set of words to a new song entitled "Are'nt you going to beetle down at Folly Farm?" to the tune of "What are you going to do down on the Farm".

FOLLY FARM - NEW BARNET.

Recently let by the MESSRS. FRUSHER to the TOC H., SPORTS CLUB. (UnLtd.
Fine 8 acre field - another 6 available - Self contained, water laid on, every modern convenience - palatial Pavilion now open. Sumptuou Bathing Pool. Ideal for week end camping in spring and summer mont Cricket pitches, Tennis Courts, Racing track, panoramic views, beautiful Pubs and extensive woods etc. All the fun of the Fair.
Shares urgently available from 5/- upwards in the above Toc H., Sports Co. to make it a going concern. What about it?.

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'SOCCER' RESULTS.

Dec. 3rd. "A" Team 4. Philanthropic Farm School. 1.
1st. XI. v. Ealing "A". Scratched.
10th. A" Team. 3. St. Martin's in the Fields 1.
1st. XI. v. Old Malvernians. Scratched.
14th. 1st. XI. 0. St. Bartholomews Hospital 4.
17th. 1st. XI. 0. Old Bradfield Boys. 1.
"A" Team 1. British & North European Bank. 1.
24th. 1st. XI. 1. W.H. Stones XI. (Old Malvernians & Carthusians) 0
31st. 1st. XI. 2. City of London School 1.
"A" Team. 1. Old Citizens "A". 11.
Jan. 2nd. 1st. XI. 8. Alleyn Old Boys. 4.
4th. 1st. XI. 3. H.A.C. 2
7th. 1st. XI. 4. Public Schools XI. 2. (At Queens Club)
"A" Team. 3. Knutsford Fellowship 6.

The First XI is to be congratulated upon its performance at Armoury House on January 4th. against the H.A.C., being the first team to inflict defeat upon the Company this season.

There seems to be a certain impression that the Toc H., Teams are
ely an Hostel affair and that non residential Members are not
ligible as playing Members. We hasten to assure all Members that
is is not so - we are waiting to receive Members from all parts
the globe.

Players are still required for the 'Soccer' and 'Rugger' teams -
rticularly the latter. So far we have refused to believe that we
n appeal to Toc H., Members in vain - will you justify this belief
offering your services immediately?

Before closing, it would be just as well if we say that the Sports
cretary still lives at Toc H., Mark 11., 123 St. George's Square, S.W.1.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE LONDON HOUSES.

nuary 18th. at Mark 1. Lecture on "Public Ownership in the Liquor Trade" by Mr. Harvey. Not quite a dry subject.
nuary 26th. at Mark 11. Debate. Albert C. White Esq. will move "That the Coalition Government is the only possible and desirable form of Government at the present time" A.K. Hamilton Esq. will provide an Opposer.
bruary 2nd. Mark 11. "What's the use of Poetry" by Dr. M. Kendall, Headmaster of University College School.
bruary 8th. Mark 1. Miss Slade's Concert Party.

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LOCAL BRANCHES AND THE NEWS SHEET.

It would obviously be an excellent plan if Branches would in fu-
re notify as early as possible the dates of their monthly Meetings
d rendezvous at which the family assembles. One or two of these
e already known at Headquarters, e.g. Exeter - second Thursday in
ery month - rendezvous and time missing. The same applies to
rdiff, Coventry, Liverpool etc.

It is also a very good plan for Branches to get their Meetings
tified in the Local Press, either through the Agency of one of
eir Members, or in some other more official way. This accustoms
e general public to the name at least.

Barclay Baron as Travelling Secretary, W.J. Musters as Registrar;
.Col. Disney-Roebuck (a Foundation Member), Acting Secretary during
e Padre's absence; and various other Members of Headquarters Staff,
Representatives of London Houses, such as Dr. Fitzgerald, Mark 1.,
hose talk on Psychology Cheltenham still speaks of); Harry Willink,
n. Warden of Mark 111., etc., are available as Guests when required,
se of expense to the Branches, provided they are booked, say a month
fore hand. It is equally important that the neighbouring Local
cretary or other Member of his Branch should be notified when
ssible.

Will Local Secretaries please endeavour to make use of these
portunities?

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e are officially informed that the Registrar is now wrestling
th the Auditors who are asking awkward questions about certain
21 Subscriptions. Notices re 1922 Subscriptions are being sent
t in a few days time and it is hoped that all Members receiving
se more or less impossible demands will respond nobly and
mptly.

The Registrar is not a bad sort of bloke although he looks very
l tempered.

THINGS WE WANT TO KNOW.

Why Padre Tubby Clayton purchased the Liverpool Sporting Echo during his recent visit and whether it is true that he backed three winners before sailing for Canada?

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Why the Toc H.,'Soccer' team is so keen on playing the H.A.C. at Armoury House and whether it is true that these two teams have decided to play each other every Saturday(evening) during season 1922 - 23?

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If a glass of port makes "Goodie" sing "Coal black Mammy of mine", what would a glass of "Johnny Walker" do?

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Whether the News Sheet would ever be published if the Printer sent the proofs to the Editor,and where the Ed.is now?

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How the Hon.Treasurer of the Sports Club likes being called the Hon. Keeper of the Privy Purse and whether he is not thinking of dressing himself up as one of the Forty Thieves?

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WE TAKES OUR 'ATS OFF AND LIKEWISE BOWS TO :-

The Rev.H.F.Sawbridge M.C.(hereafter known as "Sawbones")on taking up his duties as Toc H.,Padre in Leicester this month. May he meet with every success and produce Toc H.,Mark ? in Leicester soon.

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To the Liverpool Branch for their Farewell Dinner to Padre Tubby Clayton and to the 'blokes' who made the arrangements.

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To the Local Secretaries who are going to keep the Editor fully posted re Branch activities.

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To the'bloke' down Cheltenham way for always keeping the Editor well supplied with MSS. May his shadow never grow less!

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To the Gosport and Portsmouth Branches of Toc H.,for their endeavour to send a team to town to play Headquarters 'Soccer' team. We hope to see them soon.

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STOP PRESS.

We have just received information to the effect that Mr.Cyril Maude,the well known actor will be the Guest of the evening at Mark 11.,on Thursday,January 19th. He does not intend to give a full dress performance of "Grumpy" but may be persuaded to tell one or two funny stories.

We are sure that all Town Members will seize this opportunity of coming to Mark 11. Supper is at 7.30 p.m.

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E D I T O R I A L.

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'Spectrum' or not expect 'em,here we are again,complete with a fine new crop of Local Correspondents who correspond accordingly. We are glad to be able to publish the first instalment of a new serial,entitled "A Penny a Liner & 2d.in Canada". At least it would be so entitled if the penny had been paid.

No pen adequate to describe the Boys Scouts Janbouree at Mark 1., has been found,so anyone inclined to volunteer in response to Mr. Lowry's letter should write direct to him.

London takes a back seat this time,but the attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that on Feb.16th.Mark 11 receives Plum Warner as the Guest of the evening (no need to bring cricket bats).

On Wednesday,February 15th.The London Country Club is giving a Ball in aid of the Toc H.,Sports Fund. Tickets,including supper, 12/6d.each. Further particulars may be obtained from the Sec. at H.Q.,or the Secretary,London Country Club,Hendon,N.W..

Applications for Oberammergau should be sent in the touter the quiter. (French for forthwith).

The visit of the two Austrian Students should have been chronicled last month. Lack of space unfortunately prevents the fulltale being told of how one of them came,saw and conquered at Cheltenham.

News Sheet financial return. (T.H.F.999). Paid 3. Not paid 7777. Audited and found correct.

S.T.Broke.

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Below we give a reproduction of Tubby Clayton's first effort on a typewriter. We feel sure that all will agree that he is getting quite clever.

Dear ,

This is my first effort with the Corona ,and it shall be dedicated to you.

I wish that Z (Y,had been under the C,asubmarine , asit were, **and Iwish still more heartily that I had never attempted** to put the Y in inverted commasm; producing only a Z for my pains.

As for the M after commas, I can find no india-rubber ; so it must just stand , and witness to my incapacity. Perhaps it would be just as well if I now read the book of the Rules !

Yours very much at sea,

Tubby.

off the coast of Ireland.
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TUBBY'S DIARY.

The Bird of Narrative prefers the gloaming. That is why Fleet Street really finds itself after it has had its tea. My proposition therefore, concerning this Canadian Tour is to go to press when the rest of the first class go to dress for dinner. A collar is fortunately all that is expected of a clergyman.

I take up my parable at the point when the pilot has been discovered as a stowaway and thrown overboard. It was only when I heard the splash that I realised that he had none of my really important letters with him. By midnight we were moving down St. George's Channel.

From this point onwards I withdraw whatever slighting or derogatory things I was foolish enough to say concerning the insipidity of the Atlantic in January 1922. Even on so large and luxurious a boat as this the general effect is that of an hysterical pendulum or of a misfiring aeroplane in the hands of a drunken pilot. Not that the weather was really bad. We simply came in for the tail end of the big gale; Saturday and Sunday kept the cabin stewards as busy as it kept the cooks idle. It is best perhaps to employ the polite language of Free Trade Economics, and simply to say that most Imports were rapidly returned in Exports.

First-Class, besides my unrepentant self, there are only about four passengers left standing. The rest have succumbed either to sea-sickness or to various devices against it. My own meals (which so far lack nothing in heartiness) have resolved themselves into prolonged tete-a-tetes with the Chief Engineer, who has told me the price of oil fuel seven times to date, and (as sauce piquante) why Jews are rare in Aberdeen.

This phase of my narrative might thus be under the title of the Annals of a Quiet Neighbourhood. There are only one or two Personages on board to whom I have introductions from other Personages at home. I have not, however, been stupid enough as yet to present them. One of them - an eminent Soldier - literally ran up against me on Saturday night and breathed my name conjecturally; but had time for nothing more. Since then they have faded from the haunts of men. On Saturday I also received a visit from a very nice Westerner Padre, who with his wife and small daughter is returning to Rupertsland, and travelling third class. We mapped out Sunday, but when Sunday came, he was as the Queen of Sheba at the end of her inspection.

On Saturday afternoon at tea-time we passed over the grave of the Lusitania, and in the dark turned at last West, the Fastnet winking us goodbye. It was, as it now appears from the Wireless, the very time when the Irish Free State was being voted into birth. Meanwhile our own ship of state began to labour heavily in its first head-seas, lifting and plunging morosely with all the dead weight of a life long materialist encountering adversity. Fore and aft the steel blue waters of the Devil's Hole came over time and again; until its sound replaced its sight. That night I slept less placidly than usual, vexed by a nightmare of whirlwind shelling, which woke me finally in the perspiration of fear, to find that the shrill moaning of the wind was responsible for the delusion.

At 7 a.m. I rose and went, as arranged, to the Second Class lounge to Celebrate, my only fellow-worshipper being a Norwegian Presbyterian Pastor, who assisted but did not Receive. At 10.30 I conducted Morning Prayer, and preached as best I might to an audience consisting of the Captain and half a dozen men passengers. In the afternoon I slept and tried to make up for it in the evening by visiting the sick, including the less afflicted portion of the Ship's Orchestra.

Monday 9th. I awoke with that wholly unmerited and therefore, peculiarly delicious sense of satisfaction which comes from a good night's sleep. It had been, as the minister of tea and biscuits told me, quite rough; with the result that duty and sickness between them had kept most of Noah's Ark awake. Something handsome was clearly due from me. I therefore leapt from my bunk - a thing that needs practice like typewriting, and while rubbing my head ruefully, reflected that the good temper common among sailors must in no small measure be due to their habitual skill in avoiding this matutinal concussion, as well as to the fact that they can never get out of bed the wrong side.

Endued with a sweater and shorts, I made my way along "B" deck to the Gymnasium, where, with the aid of some long forgotten friends such as a punch ball and some entirely new to me, such as an electrical horse, I tried to renew my youth; next, a bath and breakfast. A fine rough day to follow, which I spent largely in talking to sailors at work and in leading forth various prisoners on whom Lady Despair has hitherto laid a hand.

Tuesday 10th. Pride has had a fall. No, not sea-sickness. Simply that yesterday I forgot my advancing years, with the result that I developed a temperature last night reminescent of the palmiest days of Poperinghe, and so to bed with my head humming with quinine. This morning I was in two minds about getting up at all, but the lure of breakfast was too strong for me, and in a shivelling state of self pity and half my available wardrobe I sallied forth. The Atlantic meanwhile is as much as usual, indeed were it not for the contrary evidence on the Chart I could swear that we passed the same wave yesterday. There is nothing in sight save sea and sky. From the advertisements of the shipping lines one gathers that there is scarcely room in mid-ocean for the congested traffic, but in actual fact we have not sighted a single smoke stack since we left, though in touch by wireless with many.

Wednesday the somethingth. The real date, if there is one, is beyond me. All I know is that every time I go into the Dining Saloon, an indicator tells me to put my watch back forty minutes. I dare'nt disobey, since irons sound unspeakably chilly at present, so that my poor little Benson is heart-broken three times a day, and yet I seem to know to be late for meals. But if you get in even half way through you are as depperately overfed as a chicken that is having its liver prepared for pate de fois gras.

Strictly speaking the order is to put the time back at midnight, but as I'm a reformed character on board ship I can't wait up till then, night by night, and so comply as frequently as possible by day-light to make amends.

It is ever so cold as we are practically off the coast of Newfoundland by now. There are apparently three ways of pronouncing the name of this location - English, Native and Canadian. I propose personally to adhere to the one which lets my teeth chatter most freely, and I leave you to find out which one this is. By all accounts the place is tropical with Labrador. Twice today there has been water upon our decks, that is why I am getting on so nicely with my typewriting.

Thursday. An exemplary morning, so far as my own conduct is concerned, and admiration for Columbus reaches a still higher altitude. The sea broke a tea cup of mine this morning. I established an alibi by half an hour's hard work in the Gym. Since when, a more lonely breakfast than ever, followed by a talk with Dr. Bruce Macgonald, and a pacing of the poop to look for seaweed. There isn't a vestige in sight; probably if the truth were known, some thrifty sailor on board dropped it over the side to encourage poor Columbus when he was'nt looking.

P.B.C.

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The author if this narrative or diary does not forget, or is too hard worked to send the next instalments, we hope to publish the next consignment in the next issue of the News Sheet.

We advisedly say "consignment" because the author's correspondence usually arrives securly packed in a packing case of the Tates Sugar or variety.

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Club neckties may still be obtained from N.L.Haynes at Toc H., Mark for the rediculously low price of 3/-. Postage 2d. extra.

Club Blazers complete with the Toc H. Crest from the Registrar at apiece. It is advisable for Members to give their chest measurements when ordering. (The Blazers not the ties).

Club Crests may also be obtained from the Registrar for 5/- each.

I. THIRD YPRES PILGRIMAGE. The third Toc H.,Pilgrimage to the Salient,conducted by Tubby Clayton will cover the Easter weekend, leaving London on Thursday,April 13th.,and returning the following Monday or Tuesday. Arrangements will be on the same lines as on former occasions,i.e.the party will cross to Ostend,arriving at Ypres in the evening,and will be billeted at the Chateau de Trois Tours at Brielen or the Church Army H/ut in Ypres.
There will be Commemoration Services on Good Friday and Easter Day, long tramps over the battlefields,and a visit to Poperinghe and probably to Bruges. The cost will be round about £6. Further details will soon be issued. Apply to Barclay Baron,123 St.George's Square, S.W.1.
Those who knew the Salient in the old days should visit it again and those who did not should make a push to see it before the old land marks go.

II. OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY. The most famous Passion Play in the world has been performed in this Bavarian Village roughly every ten years since 1634.,and the great opportunity of this unforgettable experience is offered to us this year. We want the Toc H.,Pilgrims to number 50 if possible. As seats for the Play and accomodation must be booked well in advance we want to receive the names of probable starters as soon as possible. Owing to the great variation in the exchange value of the German mark and the probable changes in the railway time table we cannot give an accurate forecast of the cost or times of the journey - but the following is the idea:-

(a).Programme. Sunday or Monday,August 13th.or 14th.- Leave London
Next day - Arrive Munich and stay one night.
Tuesday or Wednesday. Arrive Ober-ammergau.
Sunday,August 20th.- Performance of the Passion Play,which begins at 8 a.m.and lasts (with a mid-day interval of 2 hours) until 6 p.m.
Monday August 21st.- Start for home - probably staying one night Nuremberg,Rothenburg or Cologne.
Wednesday,August 23rd Arrive in England.

This makes a tour of about 10 days in all and gives us nearly a week in most beautiful country,the Bavarian Highlands,which is ideal for walking,scrambling or sitting about. The party can divide according as Members are able to scale mountains or only to sit and look at them.

(b).Cost. At the moment of writing the total cost (the mark standing at nearly 900 to the £) would be about £12 including Passports etc.and 2nd.Class fare (return fare to Munich about £7) This cost may be more or less by August. Intending Pilgrims must please themselves whether they speculate in marks now or wait to change their money.

(c).Seats and Rooms. Toc H.,will buy soon,about 50 good seats for the Play and will book beds for the party. At Oberammergau we shall be billeted in the cottages of the Players and feed together. Rooms are very clean and very simple,and the people are delightful. We want to get to know our hosts in the Toc H.,spirit during our stay with them and to look forward to the Play itself as the climax of a great week.

(d).Ladies. Any enrolled Member of Toc H.,who joins the party,is entitled to apply for a place for one lady. The total number of ladies will be strictly limited in rpoportion to the size of the party,and places will be allotted to ladies in the order in which applications reach H.Q. Ladies cannot book places except through a Member of Toc H.,and must be accompanied on the Pilgrimage by that Member. Miss A.B.S.Macfie of Toc H.,Executive Committee,hopes to come as one of the conductors of the Pilgrimage and will do all she can for the comfort of the ladies of the party. We feel sure that the inclusion of some ladies in this Pilgrimage will be welcome and will add much to the enjoyment of the visit.

(e).N.B. (i)The cost of living in Germany is cheap when you once get there,and some Members of the party may feel inclined to stay on in the country after the Play. This of course they will be perfectly free to do,making their own arrangements after Monday Aug.21st.
(ii).The School O.T.C. Camps end on August 10th.so that Masters and boys will have comfortable time to pack their tooth brushes for Germany.

(iii). Baedeker's Guide to South Germany (last Edition 1910) can be bought cheap in second hand bookshops. At anyrate get to's "German" and wrestle with that perfectly simple language.
(iv). Passport application forms,and further information may be obtained now from Barclay Baron,123 St.George's Square,S.W.1. He is anxious to receive names of possible starters as soon as possible. You can nibble now without definitely committing yourself yet. Don't miss this wonderful chance!
(v).In view of this Pilgrimage the "Scramble" in the Pyrenees,already announced,is postponed until 1923.

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OUR BRANCHES.

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BRIGHTON.

There is a Brighton Branch.
Practically everybody knows this; but understanding the Membership of Toc H.,to be about the number of 8,000 we conceive it just possible there may be one or two not fully aware of the fact.
There is a strong Brighton Branch.
Our strength lies not so much in our numbers,(we have not yet exceeded 200)as in the indomitable spirit which fills the breasts of those who,braving the elements,wearily ply their ways through the wilds of Sussex in order to be at our monthly meetings.(And in the consciousness of 'higher things' which pervades the thoughts of our Local Secretary starting back for Crowborough Beacon!)
Amongst other things discussed at our meetings has been the proposed Brighton House. So great are the railway facilities,(hundreds of men travel up and down daily),that we feel the thing could not fail to be a success,particularly for seaside week ends - apart from the measure of support it would receive locally.
In the meantime we meet monthly in an upper room at 26 Queen's Road (Station Approach). Next Meeting. Wednesday,February 15th. at 7.30 p.m.,when all Brighton Members and a good many others are expected to turn up.
Our Local Correspondent is T.H.Flynn,The College,Brighton.
If anyone knows an antonym for "Tubby",we have a padre here to whom it might well be applied!

H.F.B.

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COVENTRY.

December 19th.1921 will be a date long remembered by the Coventry Branch,for it was then that the Branch really came into existence. There had been an attempt before,but it was a feeble one,and the two or three Members,although keen,did not make much headway. It was felt that the great thing would be to get the Padre down and invite old friends and new ones to come and hear about Toc H. This was accordingly done,and a representative gathering of 25 first got to know one another over the supper table,and afterwards got to know Toc H.,from Tubby who held forth in his usual style.
For the while,the clock was forgotten,and it was at a late hour that Tubby brought the proceedings to a close by singing 'Rogerum', whilst those present joined in the chorus right lustily.
The Local Secretary concluded his duties by taking charge of Tubby and putting him (at 1 a.m.)in a train which was said to be bound London way. Except for a large number of milk churns,Tubby seemed to be the only passenger,and the railway officials held conflicting opinions as to whether the train went right through or eventually came to rest at "Slocum in the March" or some other wayside spot. However,as nothing unusual has been noted in the agony columns since,it is assumed that the Padre arrived safely in London again.

N.B. The Coventry Branch is anxious to know what H.Q. think of the weird and wonderful musical instrument brought back by P.B.C. and wonder whether he is able to play it yet. (Who asked why he went to Canada? Ed.)

The Second Meeting of the Branch was held on January 11th., 1922., when there were 15 present. It was decided to hold the meetings monthly at the Black Cat Cafe, Hertford Street. Usually they will be on the second Wednesday in each month so any friends of Toc H., who happen to be in the vicinity on that evening will be sure of a hearty welcome.

C.D.

E X E T E R.

Here's a short word from down Devon way to celebrate the birth of our Exeter Branch, and to wish all Members of Toc H., the wide world over a prosperous New Year. We know that this will reach the recipients somewhat late (no reflection is intended on you, Mr. Editor) but the truth is that we meant to write this in time for the January News Sheet. Our Xmas festivities however, having been unusually prolonged, our one anxiety now is to be in time for the February "Spectrum".

And now a word as to our Branch. We have held three Meetings now and are rapidly getting into our stride. The first two were concerned mainly with internal economy and the collection of subs so that we kicked off this year with a keen, fully paid up Foundation Membership of 9. (Sighs of untold joy from the Registrar!) On 13th. January we held our monthly supper party when our guest was Mr. W. Gribbon of Exeter, who gave us a most interesting talk on the "Police Court Mission", and gave us a glimpse of that side of Life of which the average citizen knows nothing and only imagines very little. The Mission's work however, is full of possibilities for all Members of Toc H., especially where it shepherds the first offender.

As for the future, we hope to meet regularly on the second Thursday in every month at 7.30 p.m. at the Rendezvous Cafe, Queen Street, Exeter, until we grow too big for its accommodation. Our next supper party therefore is fixed for 9th. February and all Members of Toc H., in this district will of course be welcomed with open arms and (probably) fish and chips. A p.c. to the Local Secretary at 18 Cathedral Yard, in advance, will make sure of both.

W.G.M.

S O U T H A M P T O N.

The newly formed Southampton Branch has promised of a great future we believe; at least one third of the present circle are Foundation Members. No special plan of campaign has yet been formulated, it being thought more desirable to bring about a closer relationship amongst the Members - getting to know one another more intimately.

The third Meeting was held at the White Rose Cafe, High Street, on Saturday January 21st., the initial proceedings taking the form of a tea, to which all appeared to do justice. It is to be regretted the attendance was so small; the occasion was really worthy of a far better one. Presided over by the Rev. H.M. Bates, the ordinary routine business was quickly dispensed with, not before, however, our enterprising Hon. Secretary had once again hinted about those overdue "Subs". (Having left Exeter, the Registrar's sighs are now full of anguish).

The Chairman then invited Mr. Whistler to address the gathering on the Sinn Fein Question.

Mr. Whistler, a typical Irishman, possessing those rare characteristics of being able to deal with such a subject in a most tactful manner. From the commencement of his address, the speaker held everyone's most minute attention. Undoubtedly there was an undercurrent of adverse opinions - it was only natural - but one and all played the game.

Questions were invited by the Chairman, and the number forthcoming portrayed the unmistakable interest with which it had been followed. A discussion arose as to a more suitable evening for the next meeting and it was eventually decided that the Branch should meet on Thursday evening, February 23rd., at the same place at 7. Light refreshments to be served after the debate.

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M A N C H E S T E R.

On March 25th., Toc H., completes the purchase of the House at present known as "Gartness", Victoria Park, Manchester., and from April 4th., it will be known as Toc H., Mark (?).

This is good news for Members of Toc H., as it represents our first big effort outside London.

It would take too long to tell you of the glorious possibilities of this House - suffice it to say that when he saw it, the Registrar wanted to transfer H.Q., from London to Manchester forthwith - and this in spite of the rain!

On April 25th. or 26th. a real live "pukka" House Warming Party will be held and it is hoped that not only all Manchester Members, but also Members from Stockport, Liverpool, Chester etc. will appear on the scene.

Further particulars will be forthcoming at a later stage but in the meantime there is no reason why interested Members should not communicate with the Local Secretary, J. Barnes, "Gartness", Victoria Park, Manchester.

The Rev. Pat Leonard takes up his duties as Chaplain to the Manchester Branch on April 24th. and from that time onwards everything will be in full swing.

C H E L T E N H A M.

The Cheltenham Branch Meetings are held at the Spinning Wheel Cafe, The Promenade, Cheltenham. Here are a few dates for the benefit of Members of other Branches who may be near the town when a Meeting is to be held. Grub at 7.30 p.m. Send a card to the Local Sec. G.C. Gardner, The Cabin, Prestbury, Glos

Tuesday, 7th. Feb., Wednesday, 22nd. Feb., Thursday, 9th. March., Friday, 24th., March., Monday, 10th. April., & Tuesday, 25th. April.

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We desire to convey a special word of thanks to Lt. General Sir Aylmer and Lady Hunter-Weston for their splendid efforts on behalf of Toc H., in Glasgow. A Toc H., Hostel there will be entirely due to their untiring efforts.

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Working Men's College,
Crowndale Road, N.W.1.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Will you hate me if I start cadging for teachers? That is to say if you have any energetic young fellows we shall be glad to see them here as teachers of the following elementary classes:-

General Geography - London Matriculation.	Thursday	1½ hours.
Grammar & Composition. Elementary	do.	1 do.
French Pronunciation do.	?	1 do.
Shorthand, 1st. Year. Practice Class.	do.	7.30 to 8.30
Maths. for Science Men. Elementary.	Monday	8 - 9
Book Keeping. Beginners		1½ hours

The first class is perhaps not so elementary as the others, but none of the others need frighten anybody with a slight knowledge of the subject. The days of the week can usually be altered to suit the convenience of the teacher.

G.C. Lowry.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Wednesday, February 15th.	Cinderella Dance at the London Country Club, Hendon, N.W. Tickets, including Supper 12/6, from Sec. Toc H., or Sec. London Country Club. Proceeds in aid of Toc H.
Thursday, February 16th.	at Mark II. "Plum" Warner on Cricket.
Wednesday, February 22nd.	Sports Club Dinner and Meeting at The Windsor Cafe, 246 Vauxhall Bridge Rd. 7.30 Tickets 2/- each.
Thursday, March 2nd.	Professor Adkins at Mark II., on Mediaeval Drama

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THE LONDON CLUB COMMITTEE.

The attention of London Members is drawn to the enclosed paper, re the election of the new Club Committee. We hope that all Members will return the Ballot Papers by February 24th.1922., at the very latest.

Country Members need not trouble to look for the aforementioned paper as it will not be enclosed. At least, we hope not - the Office Boy has received instructions to that effect but one never knows.

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SPORTS CLUB.

Fortunately for all concerned, lack of space prevents a long screed on Sports this month. If there were more room the whole of it would be taken up with an appeal for those missing Membership Subscriptions. 'Nuff said.

January appears to be an unlucky month for the Soccer Club - all the "A" team games being scratched by opponents. One might think that it is through a deadly fear, but believe us when we tell you that this is not so.

The Rugger team, we are pleased to note, is now getting on its hind legs and if only a few more playing Members will assist, victory will be our lot in future instead of defeat.

SOCCER RESULTS.

Jan.14th.	1st.v. Old Westminsters A.	Drawn	2 - 2
21st.	do.v. Occident F.C.	Lost	0.- 3.
28th.	do.v. Old Citizens.	Won	3 - 0.

RUGGER RESULTS.

Jan.21st.v.	Lloyds Bank.	Lost	5 - 13.
28th.v.	St George's, Harpenden.	Lost.	5 - 20.

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Certain Members are reminded that the months of February and March are the months when the Registrar likes to receive Membership Subscriptions. The sending of second notices is not only expensive by involves a lot of extra work.

In some cases we are pleased to say, even a first notice is not necessary. Thats the stuff to give 'em

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We are officially informed that "Tubby" is now trekking across to Western Canada.

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E D I T O R I A L.

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We understand that there was only one serious casualty as the result of last month's Editorial, and he is reported to be on the mend. It just shows how good the morale of Toc H., is.

All who are considering Oberammergau are asked to pay particular attention to the words of "Barkis" on the subject. As he has already had 50 applications it will be clear that if unnecessary ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ disappointment is to be avoided, would be Pilgrims must comply with the instructions given. A waiting list cannot wait for ever and so a date has to be fixed when 'possibles' become either certainties or non starters.

Easter at Ypres on the other hand has so far been a blank. Anyone in doubt as to its being worth while has only to ask a Member who went last year - but time is getting short, so please get busy.

Slades Concert Party at Mark I., "Plum" Warner on Cricket and Professor Adkins on "Mediaeval Drama" at Mark II., have been the chief events of the month in the London Branch.

We welcome a first Report from the Leicester Branch - Brighton writes "Next monthly Meeting March 15th. at 26 Queen's Rd. (Station Approach), Good grub, better company".

Congratulations to the Dramatic League on their Show at New Barnet. Any Member of Toc H., who aspires to the footlights should join it. The Secretary is, at Mark III., 148 York Rd. S.E.1.

The Padre has set foot in Canada - as you can read overleaf.

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Over heard North of the Park -

Small Boy - "What does P.B.C. stand for Mummy?"
Mother - "Paddington Borough Council, dear - but don't tell them at Toc H".

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Members requiring Club Neckties should write to F.Domone at Mark II 123 St.George's Square instead of N.L.Haynes as before. Haynes has retired from the business having made an enormous profit. The price of the Necktie is 6/-. (postage extra).

The Registrar has a small stock of Club Blazers at £2. each and also a few Club Crests at 5/- each. Don't forget to send your chest measurement when ordering your Blazer.

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TUBBY'S LETTER.

Dear Mr.Editor,

I feel as if this was likely to be (if legible) a contribution so discursive that even Canada could scare contain it. You'd just have to do the Solomon touch with the scissors,or am I thinking of Procrustes and his bed? Anyway,this Continent is too new,and there's too much to say about it,to permit classical allusions,even if correct; and as for my writing,I've had to dump the lovely little Corona at Government House,because the C.P.R. don't allow tables in their smoking rooms,lest there should ensue those games at which the nimble defraud the wise. To lose even one cent a mile on a journey of 3,000 miles would be a serious matter. I am armed,therefore,only with a pencil,for my two repaired fountain pens (which arrived from the Reg.yesterday) suffered a sea change and are both,on unpacking,as they were before they went to Hospital only more so.

Now let me get down to it; and begin to describe Canada. First, of course,the thing already hinted at - the overwhelmimg bulk of it! For the first time I begin to understand the full significance of Mark Twain's remark that he liked England,but was frightened of venturing too far from English Hotels at night,lest he should fall over the edge! The journey I began yesterday from Ottawa to Vancouver is identical in distance with that from London to Constantinople. The train I am on goes through in a week,but I am breaking the journey tomorrow night at Winnipeg,which is (as it were) Switzerland,only flatter and far colder. The night temperature there at this time of the year goes to 45 below Zero (i.e.77 degrees of frost) without exciting comment. When it drops to 60 you chatter about it casually. Woe betide me that my aeroplane helmet and Disney's fur waistcoat were stolen from my trunk at Toronto. But that is by the way.

The cold is curious in its reactions. The new-comer feels it less than the native,whose blood is thinned by hot summers and long winters. But the exaggerated reports of its rigours that have kept many at home who would otherwise be helping to build Canada, deserve criticism if not denial. Were I a younger man,with any out door skill whatever,England would soon be quit of me; for here in this great new world is the proper life for a man. The trouble hitherto has been that so many emigrants have settled in the cities which now house half the population,and it is not in cities that Canada needs them. The man she needs is Richard of Taunton Dene, able to plough and sow,and accompanied by the parson's daughter Jane. I wish we could start a Toc H.,Colony out West,and people it ourselves. Towards such ends,I'm hoping to get a live man or two home with some facts and figures later in the year: to tell all this more wisely than is warranted by a two months' tour.

This reminds me that it is a month tonight since the Empress of Britain passed the grave of the "Lusitania". As always with the traveller,memory is a bewildering kaleidoscope of disolving views. With me,the scenery such as it has been is simply recalled - the country is an endless elongation of the L.S.W.R.line between Lyndhurst Road and Brockenhurst,the pools magnified to inland seas, the streams to frozen rivers. The cities are like an unfinished Kingsway,with lurking poverty in blocks behind - blatantly self-assertive,incredibly monotonous,sternly ruled,yet lawless,and cruel in aspect. I hope it is not ungrateful to those in Montreal and Toronto who have been so overwhelmingly kind to say that I have my anxieties for the welfare and happiness of a young stranger stranded there. The gigantic Y.M.C.A.buildings are not for such as him,as their prices exceed those of the lesser Hotels,and they offer so many attractions to those who can afford them that their two hundred rooms are always full.

I never met such people for voluntary organisation,all thriving (so it seems) and growing and paying their way. One man out of every three is a Mason,and all business firms are well represented on the Kiwanis or the Rotary or both. Then there is the great Canadian Club,and the Canada Club as well (an entirely different thing). Most cities have also their own special progeny,such as

the Lion Club at Winnipeg. All these lunch on week-days to hear sermons of a succulent description and to assign tasks of Service or charity for the body corporate,which they readily fulfil. The Rotarians,for example,are now engaged over a big brothers' campaign on the lines of work already undertaken by some of Toc H.,Members and Branches.

If good works and public spirit will see a country upwards and onwards,Canada will move to the right "en masse" at the Last Assize. There's a Society at work on everything,and among the Men's Clubs at least there does'nt seem to be much ill-will resulting from their competition in practical benevolence.

I confess,frankly,that after a variety of such lunches,there is a certain sameness in the novelty of their methods; but I should like to see some of them introduced into our stolid English public gatherings. Suddenly,for instance,as your soup is is transit to your face,a gentleman (having caught the eye of the President) leaps upon a chair or platform and begins a chorus,which all those not too deeply involved with their pottage,maintain and set forward, till the very roof reverberates.

The Kiwanis eat their meals to a running fire of 50% fines, levied on the last happy father,or on every batchelor present for being what he is. At the arbitary humour of the Chairman,the fines are collected in a tumbler by the Serjeant-at-Arms,and amount if the day is auspicious,to a considerable sum for the Club's charity. Then there is the "Booster", - a Member who for 5 minutes or so proceeds to tell us all about his firm's progressive opulence: in token whereof he brings samples of their wares,which are drawn for from a box of numbered dice,and awarded then and there to their lucky winners.

At Montreal a fortnight back,at the joint luncheon of the Rotary and the Kiwanis to the Governor-General,the great firm of Birks - the Mappin & Webb of Canada - gave away thus perhaps 1,000 dollars worth of their goods in five minutes. The Meeting,however, that has pleased me most so far,was a Kiwanis' bi-tongued supper in Quebec,which brought English and French together in great amity, with Canon Scott and his opposite number - M.l'Abbé - as their joint guests of honour.

Now what about the Cause of Toc H ? It is,of course,early days to tell. The dilemma before me is a difficult one. It is almost immoral to ask folk here to help in financing a work in England. On the other hand,Toc H.,if it is to gain more than a foothold here,must find its Canadian leaders,and must fill a distinctive niche. This I believe it could do,but you cannot find your leaders in a few hours,mainly devoted to the organisation of a money-raising Lecture. I shall have travelled over 15,000 miles by the time I land in Liverpool again; and it is idle to pretend that neither thought or prayer are helped by it; but without both the leaders will not be found.

We have started two little groups going at Montreal and at Toronto; the first with 10,the latter with 23 Foundation Mem bers. It would be wrong and rediculous to prophesy,but I would have all seen note the strength and spiritual bond which can after 5 years of silence bring busy men long distances to talk over the future plans. One came thirty miles,and one sixty,and although only two days notice was possible,no man failed to put other things aside and come. There is power in all this,which a purely secular society can never wield. Now is it true among the old folk only? The youngsters at the big Schools I have visited are as alive as any. Conditions are,of course,widely different. The classes in Canada are less distinct,but the rich and poor are increasingly segregated. There is next to no intellectual development - it does'nt pay - little enough individuality of character,and a desperate shortage of leadership in Public Affairs. A finer country or a more tender hearted people do not exist. But its prophets,like ours,are in wonders.

P.B.C.

14.February 1922.

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OBERAMMERGAU.

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The announcement in last month's "News Sheet",of our Pilgrimage to Germany to see the Passion Play has drawn blood. Do not delay if you want to come.

(a) Numbers. We intend,as already announced,to limit the party to 50,because we feel that more than that number would make missing trains,meals,beds,and many of the best things almost a habit: it is 1,500 miles to Oberammergau and back and we shall not be the only travellers in August. We have only asked for 50 seats for the Passion Play. Meanwhile,50 possible starters have put their names down. Many of these are still very uncertain indeed - so we are open to add your name. The final party will be made up in the order in which names are received. There is so far,just the right proportion of ladies - though we decline to divulge what that is!

(b) Time Limit. The list will be closed on June 1st. By that date we shall ask every intending Pilgrim to pay a deposit of £1 which will definitely secure a place in the party. We shall be glad to receive this as soon as you are pretty certain of being able to come,as we are already incurring expense in ordering seats etc. beforehand. The deposit may be extracted out of us (if you are persistent) supposing that you are unable finally to go,providing that your place xan be filled

(c) Programme. You may reckon that the Pilgrimage will begin on the Saturday,August 12th. (not Monday 14th.as previously announced) and that the programme (subject to all sorts of alterations) will be as follows:-

Saturday,August 12th. Country Members travel to London. Party assembles in the evening at Mark 1. Meals,bed and a talk provided.

Sunday,August 13th.2 p.m. Party leaves Victoria Station.

Monday,August 14th. 5 a.m.Arrive Cologne. Shave and Breakfast. Visit the Cathedral etc.
10.8 a.m. Leave for Frankfort.
4.20 p.m. Arrive Frankfort. Stay the night.

Tuesday,August 15th. Morning - see Frankfort - a very interesting town.
2.10 p.m. Leave Frankfort.
10.55 p.m. Arrive Munich.

Wednesday,August 16th. Munich to Oberammergau. (4 hours)

August 16th.- 19th. Stay Oberammergau. Play about in the mountains.

Sunday,August 20th. 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. Passion Play.

Monday,August 21st. Leave for home - if you must. We strongly advise any Members who can to stay on in Germany,where living is very cheap,for a longer holiday. They will make their own arrangements for this.

This itinerary is designed to
(1).Give only one night in the train and to break the journey at places worth seeing.
(2).Save expense on railway fares - i.e.we shall not book 2nd.Class through to Munich but travel 3rd.to Dover,2nd.Dover to Cologne (through the night) 3rd.Cologne to Frankfort,Munich,Oberammergau. Anyone who likes to travel 2nd.Class all the way can do it at his or her own risk!

(d).The General Idea. The villagers of Oberammergau are giving their great Passion Play this year for the first time since the War with the declared object of helping to restore goodwill between the nations. Our party goes in the same spirit,and to make this clear to the people of Oberammergau we have written to Anton Lang (who plays the part of 'Christ') explaining to him what Toc H., stands for (which is difficult enough to do in English,but in German - !!!),and sending him a greeting from friends in advance. He will,we think,help us to make the very best of our visit.

Barclay Baron.

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LEICESTER BRANCH.

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Spectroscopic analysts must be having no end of a time! New bright bands are discovered every time the Spectrum is examined. and there's a very bright band lately become visible.

We are a real fact - not a very big one - (Members only number ig at the moment) - but fearfully real. And we are gathering momentum and swelling 'visibly'.

We have met twice so far for tea at the Turkey Cafe,having on the last occasion three guests from the Pensions Hospital. We have formed a Committee of three,who have been known to meet all at once,but the Secretary,we fear,suffers from moments of inertia when he should be reading the minutes of the last Meeting. We are getting a move on about forming an Executive and we have heard of an empty House going at £25,000!

Our Headquarters are 32 Saxby Street,close to the Midland Station, and the Branch Secretary and Padre,the Rev.H.F.Sawbridge,holds at homes there every Monday and Thursday from 7 p.m.onwards into the night. The doings on the door are hardly calculated to make you feel you'll be welcomed within - as most surely you will be - if you pull the bell - knob,it will pull your leg,as there's no wire attached; there's no door-knocker and the wood is hard for the knuckles. But tap the window on the right,(gently because its cracked!) and you will be welcomed with open arms and quite possibly with an assorted biscuit,and a match to relight your cigarette end.

P.L.B.

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BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

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On Friday,24th.February,14 Members turned up to hear Mr.P.J. Hannon,M.P. talk on "The past and future of the Navy",but he was unavoidably prevented from doing so owing to the Speaker being so tactless to hold a Levee on the same day.

14 was not a great number,but a few others were prevented from coming owing to illness (we thought there was no such thing in Brum. Ed.) Mr.David Smith of the Industrial Christian Fellowship saved the situation at the last moment by giving a very interesting and out spoken on the I.C.F.and its attitude towards Unemployment. After the talk,questions were asked and answered,and it was shown that there is a lot in common to the I.C.F.and Toc H.

Our grateful thanks are due to Mr.Smith for coming at such short notice,and we sincerely hope that he will have a bigger audience next time.

The next Meeting of the Branch will be held on Friday,March 31st. at The Market Hotel,Station Street. Mr.P.J.Hannon has kindly promised to come and deliver his postponed talk on "The past and future of the Navy". Doors open at 7.45 p.m.and light refreshments will be served during the evening at the moderate sum of 1/- per head. Now Members of "Brum",its up to you!

We are not sure that the next remarks should appear in the News Sheet but as we strongly suspect that the Registrar thinks that they will apply to other Branches as well,they may be useful.

The Hon.Sec.hopes to have a complete roll of Members made up to date by March 31st.so that the Registrar can have same before Easter. In order to get on the Roll,each Member should send his sub. (at least 2/6d.) to the Hon.Sec.(W.H.Field,71 Newhall St.) or write and say he is unable to to pay through lack of funds,and his case will come up before the Local Committee.

W.H.F.

It will be extremely useful if all Local Secretaries will let the Registrar have a complete roll of the names and addresses of their Members when sending in their 1922 Subs.

THE TOC H. DRAMATIC LEAGUE.

Members and friends of Toc H., desirous of joining the Dramatic League and who are willing to place their services at the disposal of the Committee - both for the selection of parts and in other functions, should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, at Mark 111., 148 York Road, S.E.1.

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DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT BARNET & MARY WARD SETTLEMENT THEATRE.

Enjoyable in the extreme was the excellant presentation by the Toc H., Dramatic League of "I'll Leave It To You", a light comedy in three acts by Noel Coward, given at the Church Hall, Barnet, on February 23rd. 1922. The performers filled their parts excellently and much credit for the distinct success achieved is due to Mrs. M. Fortescue Flannery, the producer. The Hall was filled by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience.

The Cast was as follows:-

Mrs. Dermott		Maud Fortescue Flannery.
Oliver	)	George Marlborough.
Evangeline	)	Gwynaeth Milburn.
Sylvia	) Her Children.	Pat Cathie.
Bobbie	)	John Gielgud.
Joyce.	)	Doris Knight.
Daniel Davis.	(Her Brother)	Edward Chapman.
Mrs. Crombie		Doris Hunter.
Faith Crombie		Olga Murgatroyd.
Griggs.	(Butler)	Jack Clark.

A word of commendation is due to Mr. W.H. Nicklin, our untiring Local Secretary for Barnet, for the admirable manner in which he organised the performance. The result of the sale of tickets and programmes realised just over £27. Thanks are also due to many Members and friends at Barnet for their valuable assistance.

The same play as produced at Barnet was presented on February 27th at the Mary Ward Settlement Theatre, W.C.1., the whole of the proceeds of this performance being given to The Training Ship "Stork" for working boys of good character. The following notice has been received:-

I have laughed much but seldom more than at the splendid performance of "I'll Leave It To You" by Noel Coward, acted by The Toc H., Dramatic League and given on February 27th. at the Mary Ward Settlement Theatre W.C.1.

The play went with a snap, dazzle and élare from beginning to end; the "Mrs. Dermott" played by Mrs. Maud Fortescue Flannery was amazingly good and natural, and "Bobbie" and "Sylvia" (John Gielgud and Pat Cathie) were wholly delightful. "Mrs. Crombie" was played at a few hours notice and very welled played by Miss Honoria Vansittart owing to Miss Doris Hunter's sudden indisposition. "Uncle Dan" (Mr. Edward Chapman) was extremely humourous and convincing and all the other performers were entirely acceptable in their respective parts.

As a relative of the Author - Mr. Noel Coward - as a (professional) actress myself and having seen the play when it was running at the New Theatre, it is a great pleasure to have been present at such a good performance and if all amatuer "Shows" were so uniformly excellent as that given by the Toc H,, Dramatic League, Charities would not only be benefited largely, but audiences would be in a similarly pleasant position.

Muriel Barnley.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

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We have received the offer of a course of training for two or three men, in the art of public speaking. Weekly lessons will be given by an expert.

They will be expected, in return, to familiarise themselves with the aims of the League of Nations, and to allow their names to be added to the panel of speakers for it, and, when competent, to speak occasionally at Meetings.

Will any budding Demosthenes please send in his name to the Rev. R.J. Goodwin, at Mark 11., 123 St. George's Square, S.W.1.?

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THE LONDON CLUB COMMITTEE.

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The following Members have been elected to the London Club Committee :- L. Prideaux-Brune, C.A. Lehman, W.H. Nicklin, F.P. Gregory, R.I. Croucher, G.R. Barry, W.G. Ellison, T.H. Lyttle, G.H. Randall, H.C. Golding, B. Baroh and F.H. Bolton.

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BOAT RACE DAY.

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The question of hiring a Launch for Boat Race Day (April 1st.) has again cropped up. Many Members will remember that we hired two Launches last year, but few know that owing to our extraordinary generosity we lost money on the deal.

If a Launch is to be hired this year we must make our arrangements quickly, but Members and their friends (both sexes) will not be able to obtain places in the boat at less than 7/- per head. This sum will just about cover running expenses - we are not out for profit, but we must not lose money again

If any Members care to support this project will they please get into communication with the Registrar at H.Q. at the earliest possible moment? The Club Committee are considering the matter on Monday, March 13th. and should they decide to hire a Launch, cards will be sent to Town Members giving full particulars. 'Varsity Members will receive information if they demand it!

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"HALF THE BATTLE"

by

"B.B."

This interesting little book gives the history of Toc H., from its birth in Poperinghe in 1915 up to the present day. It contains 48 pages of MSS and illustrations.

Copies of this book may be obtained from the Registrar at H.Q. for 6d. post free. Local Secretaries ordering not less than 20 copies may obtain them at 4d. per copy.

This book has been priced at a very low figure, consequently we are obliged to charge our Members the cost of postage.

We are now waiting to be overwhelmed with orders. One well known Branch of Toc H., has already ordered over 100 Copies! The first Member of Toc H. (not of the Branch referred to) who sends in a card guessing the name of the Branch will be presented with a free copy of the Book. Any offers?

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The Spen Valley Branch is now holding its fortnightly Meetings on Thursdays, commencing from March 2nd. Any Member visiting the district should put in an appearance at Flush House, Heckmondwike, Yorks.

TOC H. SPORTS CLUB.

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A very grave crisis has arisen and the active ranks in the Sports Club are despondent. Owing to the lack of support, financial and otherwise, the Executive Committee has decided that the ground at New Barnet cannot be continued, so next September will find the Sports Club homeless. We feel sure that if more Members had interested themselves in the Athletic side of the Club, the Executive would have continued its support.

The Sports Committee is discussing the possibilities of hiring pitches for Soccer and Rugger next season, but even if this is done, support will be needed. At the moment the Soccer fixture list for 1922-1923 is complete and the teams will go ahead at all costs. Unfortunately they cannot carry all other games on their backs, so unless support is forthcoming immediately the lesser lights will go to the wall.

A few away Cricket matches could be arranged for the summer if only a keen Cricket Secretary would appear. Will anybody volunteer? The general work of Toc H., is too heavy to permit any Member of the Staff to dabble much with fixture lists and team raising.

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SOCCER RESULTS.

1st.XI.

Feb.4th.	v. Westminster School.	Lost	1 - 3.
18th.	v. Brentwood School.	Drawn	3 - 3.
25th.	v. Old Foresters.	Won	4 - 2.

2nd.XI.

Feb.4th.	v. Oxford & Bermondsey Club.	Lost heavily - exact score unknown at H.Q.	
18th.	v. Old Brentwoods "A".	Drawn.	2 - 2.
Mar.1st.	v. St.Barts Hospital "a".	Lost.	1 - 7.
4th.	v. H.A.C. "A".	Won.	4 - 3.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Registrar is, needless to say, still anxious to receive those outstanding Membership Subscriptions. Defaulting Members will oblige if they will respond forthwith. It costs a lot of money to send second as well as first notices!

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TOC H. MEMBERSHIP BADGES.

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The Toc H., Badge takes the form of an identity disc and is worn on the wrist. It bears the name of the Member, the date of his Membership and the Club Monogram, and may be obtained from the Registrar at H.Q. on payment of 2/6d. Members, when ordering, should state the date on which they first entered the Old Houses in Poperinghe or Ypres., i.e. if they were ever on that front.

The best thing about this Badge is the fact that it looks like gold and wears very well. All Members should wear one.

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It is rumoured that Padre "Tubby" Clayton returns from Canada on April 10th. We hope that all Town Members will appear on the first Guest Night after this date to give him a warm welcome.

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This is not a special Boat Race Number, but that forthcoming, or forthcome, event is arousing no less interest among the Fraternity than it did last year and to judge from applications rolling in, the number of Toc H., Members and friends on the Toc H., fleet of launches will be legion.

We have been exhorted by a valued correspondent to go to press early. A suggestion that the title of the month should be that of the month following the date of publication has been turned down, but if Branch Secretaries and others who have communications to communicate would get them of their chest on to paper and into a letter box by the 20th. a plenary session of the Editorial Board would convert it into fabular and our beloved Lady Gestetner would carry on with the accuracy and despatch of the Daily ----.

April 10th, it is believed will see Tubby, or whatever is left of him, land on these shores - singing Rogerum and declaiming - the opening lines of The Lay of the LAST Minstrel alternatively - to come and hear all the bits about Canada that were not fit for publication on Wednesday, April 12th. or Thursday 13th.

Replies to A.F.A. are invited - he seems to agree with Tawney that the merits of an "Acquisitive Society" are far to seek. Any criticism should be preferably constructive.

We hope to publish an apologia for the Bank of England at an early date.

Meanwhile April 19th. sees A.A.Milne at Mark 1., 23 Queen's Gate Gardens when he will read plays. Supper will be as usual i.e. 7.30 p.m.

We would again remind Members that the Annual Subscription to the News Sheet is 2/6d. If Members wish the News Sheet to continue and develop they must support it financially. Let it be sufficient to say that unless the Cyclostyled News Sheet is a self supporting proposition a "pukka" printed journal will be an impossibility. Now then ye defaulters.

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Order your Club Necktie from F.Domone at Toc H., Mark 11., 123 St.George's Square, S.W.1 Price 3/6, postage extra.

Club Blazers complete with crest from the Registrar at the absurdly low price of £2. (Don't forget your chest measurement)

Club Crests may also be obtained from the Registrar at 5/- each.

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TUBBY'S LETTER.

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(Work this code out on a Corona,
and you will find the date.
The wrong gadget, of course).

My Dear Everybody,

I did'nt mean to try and write to you tonight, but the slip about the date above spoilt the sheet for more dignified purposes: so I've just slipped in a carbon and ici vient, as the French don't say. I'm not even going to be careful about the typing. After all, Mus. is still six thousand miles away, though nearer every minute; for the turning point has come. I pulled out of Vancouver this morning. When I say that I pulled out I am attempting a Canadiasm. The engine actually did the pulling, and a great deal of it there has been ever since; for starting from sea level, WE are now some 9,000 feet up. (the WE is not a swelled head on my part, but just cussedness by the Corona.)

All night we shall hang about at the same sort of altitude, coquetting with dizzy precipices in the dark. The train that came in this morning got snow bound up here for six hours, but I'm not eager for a digging party tonight. Vancouver left even me ready for an early bed.

Let me jot it down in outline, before it gets overlaid by new strata of experiences. I reached the Pacific, without any public ceremony, On Saturday morning, 18th February 1922. At the station a Bishop was waiting for me; not of course a Real Bishop: merely, my dear sir, a colonial Bishop. Right minded people of course regard them xx much as Sandhurst feels towards a Salvation Army Colonel. You could tell at once that this good man was not 'quite quite' by the way in which he got hold of the grips and handled the situation generally. He had a car, it is true; but he drove it himself but here again the state is secular.

We went swinging up to his house, and I regret to say that there is no doubt that his wife was doing the housework, when we found her. Perhaps it would be more charitable to gloss over the fact, but at least she betrayed no embarassment. The younger children had gone to school; yes, and to the public elementary school. It was all very distressing.

Politely declining private hospitality, I decided to take up my quarters in a hotel, for the first time since I landed in this more hospitable Dominion. On the way down, we called in at the Synod Office, another shock to my Anglican refinement. It was just an ordinary suite of offices, reached by a fast elevator and full of maps and files and typewriters. Here I interviewed a bevy of brains from the four principal papers, and the Assistant Commissioner of the Scouts.

We then proceeded to the Hotel. So bald a statement of fact fails to convey the sense of utter insignificance which overpowers the English traveller, who, for the first time sets foot in one of these stupendous edifices, covering xxx acres of ground and rising in sheer solidity to an altitude of 250 feet. These places have a moving population of 5000 and a staff alone of more than 1200. Beyond this they are in constant use by all manner of Conventions and Societies: at lunch time their spacious halls are thronged by Canadian Clubs, Rotarians, and Kiwanis, who are shepherded with the utmost amity into their respective folds. The Dairymen's Convention was also there on my arrival, holding prolonged and convivial session; it indeed supplied me with the only observed instance of intoxication I have seen in the whole Dominion. Presumably, the victim was aware of the dangers lurking in his own milk.

Behold me then a denizen of this stupendous pile, a citizen of no mean city. My room is number 637, most easily remembered by the hymn of that number. It contains a bathroom and a telephone, on which I at once get busy. In my diary which is scarcely ever used for other purposes than that of a mere calendar, occurs for some strange reason on this very date the name of Amidy Horne of Vancouver. The telephone book yields several possible aspirants, but the very first ring discovers him. We arrange tea, whereafter the 'phone

begins to get busy on its own account, the bevy of brains aforesaid having got their results on paper. There is in fact no breathing space for lunch, and no moving until Mr. Amidy Horne arrives in person and takes me off to inspect a saw-mill, which continues to work without regard for the sacred character of Saturday afternoons. How the lumber arrives in the shape of rafts the size of tennis courts, how when the component logs are again dissociated, they are poled and punted into position by human steeple-chasers with spiked shoes, how they are sent to their doom by a series of endless chains, clutched by great iron hands emerging from the floor, and ultimately submitted to a travelling guillotine which treats their enormous bulk as though they were match sticks and makes light of their proud obduracy, is beyond this present constraint of mine.

The evening was spent with a number of friendly vultures who had already scented the carcass. Cross, of the Sun - I think that this is his particular luminary - supped with me, and after that Fred Whitehead, another son of the beloved Sergt. Major, once Churchwarden in Pop. in QOQY (the code again) came in. If TOC H. finds its niche in Canada, it will be due to the Whitehead family as much as to any other human agency.

On Sunday I Celebrated at St. James and returned their to preach at 11 a.m. Professor Brock, Dean of the Faculty of Science at the B.C. University, gave me lunch, and defended the application of Geology to commercial development. We then picked up Mr. Horne, and joined the peripatetic school surveying the Park which hangs like a well conducted sub-tropical desert island to the - no, I simply cannot venture the point of the compass. After tea at the hands of Mrs. Horne, (three times this happened in the space of five days) I hied me back to the Hotel in my worst Sunday distemper, and whence thence to preach at St. Paul's.

That night I took ship for the Island which by a maddening accident bears the same name as the mainland city. Here I was again met by a Bishop; two mornings running is a record. Once more we adjourned to the Episcopal Palace for breakfast, and found a similar domestic situation. Then came the usual reporter, who however this time was chiefly concerned to establish the probability of his family connection with an Army name of some standing, so that what he wrote about TOC H., I know not.

I had asked for a full morning, and I got it. The Scout Commissioner hove in sight with a fast car, and we went off in succession to three Educational establishments, a French College of the University, a Normal School for Teachers and a big Secondary School, at each of which I talked some fragment of the TOC H. Gospel more or less vociferously.

To lunch then with a most enchanting Army Chaplain, in a buoyantly English Club, and afterwards a round of golf with my companions of the morning. I say brazenly a round of golf, when mine was nothing of the kind. But, apart from natural inability, Mount Baker and its neighbouring sentinals, struck me silly. I could play more unconcernedly in St. Peters at Rome. In spite of the good humoured advice bestowed upon me by a Bishop, a Scout Commissioner, and Maj. F. Edwards, the last a miraculous golfer with two artificial arms, I reached that condition of sullen despair, which is so Characteristic of my temperament. Somewhat renovated by tea, I did my best to be cheerful in the presence of an overflowing audience, which had assembled in the big underground hall to see the precious slides. Even here, there were old friends to be found, and after the show there came up among others a well-remembered ex-Lieutenant of the 261 Railway Construction Co. R.E., who treated me on the way back to some apples, oranges and matches, for my night journey. Ten to eleven was spent, as it is by most of Christendom, in talk; and we then made our way to the ship. Thus ended my day in an island as big as England, and far more picturesquely situated.

On arrival at the mainland next morning, I found that an unusual fall of snow had taken place in my absence. I do not mean that my presence would have prevented it. A fit of economy was on me, and I therefore refused the seductions of the taxi stand, and waited patiently for the Hotel Black Maria. When however, it at last re-

turned I found that it costs 50 cents to take each of us a ten minutes journey. While personally the most warm hearted people, nothing is free in this country except dixie cups on trains and good advice to strangers.

A fierce morning of callers, letters and 'phone calls followed, and when the afternoon paper rang up to get the substance of my lunch speech before it was delivered, I was honestly able to assure them that the thing they sought was as yet without form and void. The Unreal Bishop took the Chair at lunch and with him came His Grace of Rupertsland, the Primate. The audience was the great Canadian Club of Vancouver, about 200 in number. Among these once more there were old friends of Toc H.

I've forgotten what happened afterwards. This sounds dipsomaniac, but was in reality due to sheer pressure of work. In the evening I did a public lecture, to a good audience in St.Paul's Hall, making the sixth public appearance on behalf of Toc H., in two days. At ten thirty the same night, we held in my bedroom the birthday meeting of the Vancouver Branch of Toc H, there being present fifteen Foundation Members. We adjourned the formal business at about 1.35 a.m.

On Wednesday, I do not blush to say that I had breakfast in bed. But by nine fifteen I was hard at it, and at eleven paid a very delightful visit to the Anglican Theological College, going on thence to the University itself. This, like the other Western Universities I found assembled in a motley collection of buildings, some imposing, some eminently temporary, and with an atmosphere of freedom about it which would repel the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. Here I said my say to an audience of some five hundred undergraduates, men and women, or rather boys and girls for the most part, since they begin their studies there from the age of sixteen. They were a jolly crowd, and we made shift to hold an after meeting over the bare boards of the cafeteries lunch tables. I was reminded of the Senior Common Room atmosphere, but not by similarity.

After lunch, the President secured me a lift in a car that was going down town; here again the contrast of atmosphere was noticeable. I stormed back to the Hotel, assisted in the darkening of the lower dining hall, and found myself showing the slides once more to the Womens' Canadian Club, afterwards having tea with their Executive. A final public lecture at the hall that night, and callers afterwards, the last at 1 a.m. being Molson, once of the Rifle Brigade at Hooghe, and now a lawyer in these parts. Then packing and bed, till seven thirty, when I arose, bathed finally in my lovely bathroon annexe, breakfasted and made for number four train East. Even here on the platform, I found awaiting me another old friend, once Sergeant of the Officers Club in Pop. and now a Policeman in Vancouver. The talisman of Toc H., is catholic indeed!

P.B.C.

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THE EXETER BRANCH

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The middle of March and no literary effort for the News Sheet! So, here goes. This will reach your readers about Easter-time, so we wish them all a very good egg!

Two meetings have been held by our Branch since our last notes appeared. On 9th.February we met in our usual resort and supped regally off the usual cod - (no, Mr.Editor, not the same one we had in January, but his brother.) Then to business, followed by a most interesting address on the "League of Nations" given by Mr.H.T.Michelmore, one of our own Members, to whom our best thanks are due. A profitable discussion followed from which it appeared that most Members regard the present scheme as too idealistic and at present unworkable. But where would the world be today without ideals, and surely as Members of TOC H. our support is owed to any scheme that has for its aim "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men".

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Our next meeting held on 9th.March forms a 1st.milestone on our path, as we were favoured by a visit from the Travelling Secretary of TOC H. whose informal talk (he would hate me if I called it a speech, which it was'nt) was intensely interesting and just what we hoped for. News of Tubby - news of other Branches - news of future plans - all went to make a very pleasant evening indeed, and we sincerely trust that B.B. will visit us again soon.

Our Membership is increasing slowly but surely, and we now total 17, all keen, so we hope to double that number soon.

A happy Easter to one and all!!

W.G.M.

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AULD REEKIE BRANCH.

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Why the name? Is this another libel by the Sassenach? Assuredly our City is no older than the Southern Metropolis, and I should like to point out that it is'nt nearly so reekie. But this ill timed wit is on a par with that by of the other Englishman who, according to his own account, saw a Scot fatally injured whilst trying to retrieve a threepenny bit from under a passing motor, and who - the Englishman not the Scot - reports that at the inquest the Coroner returned a verdict of "death from natural causes" How different and much more sympathetic the attitude of the Scot, who returning from a business visit to London and being asked what he thought of the English gently refrained from judgment and replied that he had'nt met any, as he had only interviewed the heads of the departments.

What I started out to say was that we had a very interesting meeting at "Fairley's", Leith Street on Friday, 10 th.March. Mr.Lyndon, Welfare Supervisor in the Ravenscraig Steel Works, Motherwell being the guest of the evening. We were a small gathering but keen, which after all is the main thing, and we hung eagerly on our guest's lips as he described his work among his boys and the various difficulties with which he has to contend. One of the most extraordinary things and which I daresay we have all encountered, is that the fact seems many people incredible, that more is generally done with love than with money as the incentive. Mr.Lyndon is a tremendously keen supporter of Toc H., and all it stands for, and with men like that to help us in Scotland I thin' we shall overcome the difficulty of establishing the Branch without much of a nucleous of Foundation Members.

Our next Meeting is at the same spot on Friday, 28th.April, when Commander Coote has promised us a paper on recreation. All friends and friends' friends cordially welcomed. Supper at 7.30.

"Lang may oor lum reek".

A.R.

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THE BRIGHTON BRANCH. The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th.at 7.45 p.m. at 26 Queen's Road, (Station Approach).
Train leaves Victoria 6.55 p.m. return 10 p.m.
A hint for Londoners needing a dash of seaside air.

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THE SPEN VALLEY BRANCH. On April 19th.a "Ladies" night is being held in the Church School, Heckmondwike. On this auspicious occasion Members are allowed to bring their "better halves".
A good list of Speakers is being arranged and includes a visit from Sir John Simon, the prospective Liberal Candidate for the Spen Valley. The Branch has just commenced the preliminary work of organising a Mass Meeting in one of the large halls for the object of raising funds for the Russian Famine Relief Fund. Full particulars will appear later.

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THE MANCHESTER BRANCH. TOC H., is now actually the proud possessors of a House outside the London Area. Members will remember having heard about this, being a possibility at odd moments in the past. The Rev. Pat Leonard D.S.O. packs his grip and boards a train for Manchester on April 24th. (officially, but we suspect that he will have to appear earlier) and from that date onwards, "Gartness", Upper Park Rd. Victoria Park, becomes TOC H.
On Saturday, April 30th. a Members "Housewarming" party will take place. Certain Members from London are determined to be present on this occasion so there appears to be no reason why Members living much nearer should not be present. Anyway, we have it on good authority that there are plenty of beds to be had on that night.
At a later stage we shall endeavour to arrange a real "pukka" opening ceremony in the approved style.

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THE BRISTOL BRANCH. This Branch has not claimed a great deal of space in our columns during the past but it has not been inactive by any means. Early in April a rapid campaign will be launched and it is hoped that the result will be the second Toc H., Hostel outside London.
If any Member of Toc H., knows anybody in Bristol who may be able to help financially or otherwise, will they please communicate full particulars to the Bristol Hon. Treasurer, H. Phillipps Esq. 26 York Gardens, Clifton.

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TOC H. GOING INTO BUSINESS.

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I think the most amazing thing about business today is that so little use is made of the greatest power in the world - Love. The very essence of business methods is still expediency, the letter of agreement rather than spirit, secrecy, the consideration of self rather than of Right or Wrong.
And so one finds the average man who professes Christianity, leading two lives that are as opposite as the two poles - one, that of business in which the principles mentioned above hold sway, the other, that of private life or after business hours, into which Love, Christian principles and the beautiful influence of English home life are allowed the admission refused elsewhere: and like this the business world becomes a thing of "Lovelessness". (a word borrowed from P.B.C.)
Unfortunately (from this point of view) most of the waking hours of the vast majority of the millions of (take a breath and hope for the best) people alive on this earth are business hours; the influence therefore of business principles on the world's morality must be considerable, and I contend that influence is for the most part bad, and absolutely un-Christian.
This seems to be one reason why the Churches in England are emptier than they used to be (I'm not here suggesting that there is less religion in the country) because people cannot reconcile the fact of men practising business principles with their going to Church and calling themselves Christians.
That Christians are able to lead these two-sided lives (is this what Gladstone referred to when he said "the one proposition which experience has burned into my heart is that man should beware of his religion spoiling his morality?) is, I think, because they are not on intimate terms with God and have no knowledge of the Holy Spirit with whom (the Holy Spirit is no "It") they may talk during the day and share their business difficulties - in a word, God is not the centre of the lives of business men, but is kept for the circumference - the "hour of leisure".
If all this be true of professed Christians, what about the majority of business men, who are not?
And so, though such fine work is done by TOC H. in countless spheres outside the business world, my suggestion is that its greatest work

lies inside that world. Toc H., must be the go-between twixt Church and Business and, that its "going into business" may be successful in its aim, we must all try more to make God the centre of our lives - no other place inside life's circle will do.
And don't let us underestimate the size of the job; its size is very big (at least 13 in boots and that number may mean a due share of any bad luck that's going) and the time it will take to do the job - lifelong; for its not institutions that have to be changed but men's point of view (the values of everything), and the point of view will not be changed by any words that are said, but by the lives that are lived.
P.S. There are, I think, many notable exceptions to the general condemnation here made of business men and business methods: in England, to give an instance, there is the firm of Joseph Bibby & Sons, of Liverpool (Publishers of Bibby's Annual) while for names of American firms may I refer anyone interested to the book "Man to Man" by John Leitch - here will be found the application of Christianity to business - will those who are in any way doubtful of the results please read? But such firms are still exceptions and the brilliance of their achievements only throws the failures into sharper relief.
Note. In using the term "business man" in this letter I have meant to imply "everyone engeged in daily work outside the professional classes". I have little practical experience of the latter.

A.F.A.

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P I L G R I M A G E S A G A I N.

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1. YPRES. Since last month's issue a few names have been received for the Easter Party to the Salient. If P.B.C. on his return from Canada, still decides to go, it will be with a tiny party - but none the worse for that.
2. OBERAMMERGAU. Already on paper the mystic number of 50 has been exceeded. Double it? Well, perhaps.
We are still hoping not to have to turn any real 'starters' down. Meanwhile if intending Pilgrims wish to insure their places they should send the £1 as deposit as soon as possible. All we can say at the moment is that 50 places have been booked and paid for at Oberammergau. Anton Lang writes a friendly letter back in which he "looks forward to shaking hands with our Members".

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C H E L T E N H A M B R A N C H.

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The death of William Douglas Clarke, one of the Foundation Members of this Branch took place of the 10th March, at the age of 24. So recently as the 23rd. February he was present at the Farewell to Col. Murray-Smith
Clarke, who will be remembered by many of the Worcester and Bristol Members, joined up straight from school in the K.G.R. and was captured by the Germans in 1918. The privations he endured as a Prisoner of War brought on tubercular trouble. His final illness was mercifully short.
A most regular attendant at the fortnightly suppers, he was always most generous with help - his car or his money were always at the disposal of the Branch.
His funeral was attended by all the Members who were able to get off. The Presbyterian Service at the house was taken by D. Keay who shared the Service at the grave with Pat Leonard.

R.I.P.

CHELTENHAM BRANCH - 23rd.February 1922.
All available Members rolled up to say Good-bye to Col.Murray-Smith who has been ordered south by his M.O.
Much regret is fet here at the departure of the gallant Gunner. A keen Member and a loyal friend to his fellow Members - his cheery smile will be much missed at the fortnightlt Meetings.
Before the tables were cleared, the Hon.Secretary presented Murray-Smith with a scroll which had been engrossed by E.H.Williams and signed by all the Members, expressing regret at the Colonel's departure and wishing him renewed health and happiness.
A piano had been imported for the occasion and was kept busy. Ryland and Cole had brought along a young colleague with them who did wonders and he and Ingram shared the honours as Soloists and Accompanists. The guest of the evening brought down the house with his famous Elephant Battery Song and "Patsey Waters".
J.J.Macnamara sang "Mother Machree" with real Hibernian pathos.
E.H.Williams and Sigmund also sang.
"For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and the King finished a great evening.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TOC H. v. H.A.C.

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March 11th.at Armoury House. The third and deciding game between these two teams roused very great interest as each side had one win to its credit. We do not mean to imply that each team had only won one match but that each side had beaten the other once this season.
Shortly after the commencement of the game, a slip by the Toc H., defence let A.H.Covington, the H.A.C.centre forward through to score an easy goal. This put new life into Toc H., a very shortly after G.G.Farnfield put the ball into the net only to have the goal disallowed for offside. The club however, were not to be dehied and almost immediately B.S.Farnfield equalised with a good shot.
The H.A.C.then took a turn and caused consistent trouble to the Club defence. A fine centre by the Company outside left was accepted by A.Soole who scored a second goal for his side. During another strong attack by the H.A.C., one of the Club halves had the misfortune to head the ball through his own goal. After this Toc H., improved and B.S.Farnfield scored his second goal. Half time arrived with the score 3 - 2 in favour of the H.A.C.
From the re-start Toc H., pressed heavily and very soon eqaulised through A.F.Bearman who had a simple task to score from the perfect centre sent across by G.G.Farnfield.
After this the game seemed to develop into one long attack by the Company's forwards but it was quite 20 minutes before they took the lead through W.Tyrer who scored with a brilliant shot. The Club then made strenuous efforts to draw level but without success. Once G.H.Coley was right through but shot wide with the goal at his mercy. Time was called shortly after leaving the H.A.C.the victors by 4 - 3.
Many people were of the opinion that this game was the most brilliant they had ever seen at Armoury House and on the whole perhaps a draw would have been the best result.
TOC H. W.J.Musters; H.L.Dales and S.M.W.Sheppard; R.I.Croucher, T.H.Lyttle, and H.G.Wimbush; S.H.Burkiss, A.F.Bearman, G.H.Coley, B.S.Farnfield and G.G.Farnfield.

March 18th.At New Barnet. Toc H., 1. Old Cholmeleians 4.

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CONCERT. The Slades Concert Party who gave us such a fine entertainment a short time ago have very kindly promised to give an entirely new show at Mark 1., 23 Queen's Gate Gardens, on Wednesday, April 26th 1922 at 8.30 p.m. Supper will be at 7.30 as usual. Members may bring their lady friends on this occasion (after supper). We hope to see a very large crowd of Members once again.

T O C H.

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E D I T O R I A L.

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l things come to an end, even Tubby's Transatlantic Tours, and uthampton elsewhere records the manner of their reception of the ympic. Meanwhile our Serial (?) Story continues and the Christ s Number should contain a thrilling instalment: "How I got into S.A.and what I got out of it".
o launch loads duly arrived in the neighbourhood of Barnes Brids April 1st.and most of the passengers successfully identified th nning crew. There is no record of the proceedings after the re rn to dock.
ery London Member who does not suffer from the plague of excess ster holiday turned up on the 19th.to welcome A.A.Milne who not ly read us his stories, but unveiled some of the lesser mysterie the famous Round Table of Punch. A great evening.
e close of the season calls for a review of achievements - per- ps this will appear in the Editorial Offices before we go to pr e trouble is that our footballers suffer from excessive modesty ere has been some occasion for alarm and despondency with regar the future of the ground at New Barnet but we hope the crisis w past. Week end Camps? Cricket? Tennis?
pies of "Half the Battle" by B.B. (4d.each, postage 2d.extra) are ill available. If you have it, you can never be floored by the nundrum "What is Toc H"? Mark 11.,
Thursday, May 4th. The Rev.P.B.Clayton will give a Lantern Lectu Canada. Wednesday, May 10th.at Mark 1., C.T.Le Quesne will lec "The Duty and Difficulties of being Interested in Politics".

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c H., Club Neckties may be obtained from F.Domone at Toc H., Mark ice 3/-. postage extra.
ub Crests may be obtained from the Registrar at Mark 11., for 5/ rk Blue Flannel Blazers complete with Toc H., Crest may also be ined from the Registrar at the rediculously low price of £2. suspect that this may make Members think that these Blazers are ud" but this is not so. We defy anybody to get a Blazer as goo sewhere (i.e.retail) at less than £3. Come and hear the Regist lk about them.
st but not least we have the Toc H., Membership Wristlet Badge - ese may also be obtained from the Registrar at 2/6d.each. Member en ordering should state the date on which they were first in To Poperinghe or Ypres, i.e.if they were ever fortunate enough to be those Houses.

O CANADA!

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Foreword by the Author.
This is going to be a model piece of typing,whatever else it isn't. I've quite decided now that it is no good trying ever again to write in,or rather,on these trains. So I must conquer this little devil, or remain dumb to all those out of earshot. So here goes.(P.S.The little devil won the battle. Ed.).

I must first ask pardon for borrowing thus blasphemously as my title the opening apostrophe of the Dominion's National Anthem. But,I assu you,my fugitive impressions can fall under no other head. A Lilliputian returning the visit of Gulliver,or the Queen of Sheba at the Court of Solomon,would know the feeling to a nicety. The half w not told me,and even now my poor little brain is in a state of habitu protest against the evidence of my eyes. Everything that is here at all,is on the most generous scale. I have,for instance,sincelunch looked out on several million Christmas trees,a hundred ice-bound waterfalls,and so on. No one else seems inclined to notice them,so that I am almost ashamed to be so observant; but I simply can't help it. Then again,I've been on a train moving wsetwards for about a fortnight on and off,but the Pacific still recedes. Some of us,however,on this train are hoping to take it by surprise early tomorrow morning;even then,I suspect,the tide will be out. Never mind. My precursor,Proud Cortes,may have find the tide out too.
However lengthy the journey to the Pacific in fact,I have obviously been somewhat precipitate in reaching it in my opening paragraph. Canada is certainly big enough to merit more than a passing mention. The truth of the matter is that my thoughts are rather confused by glances out of the smoke room windows. For the last hundred miles we have been coming down a gradient of one in four,approximately. there's nothing unusual in this,of course. The thing that distracts me is not the gradients,but the curves. How can a passenger have any peace of mind,when he clearly sees both ends of his train go int two different tunnels simultaneously? Or,still worse,when he behold his own engine,which he went and patted at the last stop,swooping round towards the tail light of the Obversation Car. The disaster of such a collision would be unthinkable,and the fact that the track is single across most of the Rockies should not obscure in the minds of the C.P.R.Directors the number of their employees who are not. An analysis of this last paragraph will,I know,win your sympathy. If I am really to give any coherent account of things,I must surely sub-divide my subject and marshal my facts or fancies.

Spasm One: It.
Spasm Two: They.
Spasm Three: Toc H.

Spasm One.
Canada is a large country,due West of Scotland. The United States occupy the lower berth,and are thus due West of Ireland. The corolla in each case is inevitable. It would be an act of racial prejudice for an English mind to take the matter further. Besides,this chapte is to be about Canada itself,and not its microscopic population. Fortunately for all parties,it is not likely to be a long spasm,as I have only seen what is visible from the,or rather through the trip windows of the trains during daylight,and nothing like all that. The rest is conversation and conjecture.
A man arrives at Canada by taking a boat or whatnot,and pushing a- long Westward long enough,with the precaution against slipping South hinted at above. The evening before you first sight land,you should look over the side for sea-weed. All the best people do it. Some even begin to do it the first night of the voyage Anyhow,you are now off the coast of Eastern Canada,looking for a place to land. You will be grateful for my advice here,and I gladly give it. The map even confued me at first! The trouble is that there are two St.John

he in N.B. (which itself is a confusing contraction to a literary an) and the other in Newfoundland. On the map they have only the ifference of a 's' between them; but in very cold reality they are eparated by five hundred miles of sea and snow. Probably the early ettlers,who were not taught Geography at School,landed at either lace indiscriminately,and were too cold to note the difference. he chattering of their teeth re-echoes in the native pronunciation f Newf'un'land. Hurry ashore anyhow or this chapter will bore us oth.
o soil is available for your osculation,at least in the winter-time. f they kept a clod and passed it round for kissing,it might spread nfection by the end of a long winter. So the ceremony is preter- itted. The next crisis takes you under escort to a considerable rar f buildings,where a great number of papers are handed in and handed ack,to help Canada make up her mind finally whether,after all,you are eally wanted. These investigations come down from very ancient days. ou will remember that when Caesar first came to Britain,the Customs nd Home Office men of the period waded into the water in their zeal o verify the date of his last vaccination.
he time has now come to proceed into the interior. Released from he last official,you ascend into a train which,while externally intry,is so heated within that the stokehold of an old type Des- royer would be nothing to it. The stale super-heated air involves ou henceforth in that battle of extreme temperatures in which anada lives. But of this more anon. The train then takes up its ask of showing you across Canada. It cannot show you round for the ufficient reasons that

(a). The lines run East and West,and
(b). Only the Southern belt of Canada is populated.

f you took the population of London and spread it out from Caithness o Constantinople,leaving everything from Poland to the Caucasus to handful of hunters and half-breeds,you would get something com- arable with the Canadian situation. Along the main bulk of the rea through which the C.P.R.has forced its way,there is a farm very ten miles,a cluster of houses every thirty,and a bran-new ity every three hundred. North of this territory of eight hun- red and fifty thousand square miles practically untenanted and large- y unexplored. Who is sufficient,even in imagination,for these things man comes down from Edmonton nine hundred miles across the ice and now,with no human companion,and a team of dogs to drag his sleigh rom Edinburgh ~~and~~ to London and back. There are no visible racts,no food dumps,no shelter. Why does he do it? Apparently,mere- y for a trifle of trading,and some shopping at a hardware store.

P.B.C.

(Here the author suddenly ceases,having either forgotten about spasm three,or having placed it in the wrong envelope - anyway,we ave'nt received it. However,as our gifted author has now returned, e feel sure that he will talk on Toc H.,in the next number. Ed.).

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UNNOTICED LONDON.

am getting so old and Toc H.,is getting so young that I am always orgetting that everybody does not know everything about it. Permit e,therefore,to introduce more recent readers to Miss Montizambert, he London Correspondent of the "Montreal Gazette" etc.,who,in the arliest days of Mark 1.,wrote the first account of Toc H.,that ap- eared in Canada,and in this way was really inspirational over the hole of the now amazing developments there. Since then she has elped us again and again in ways past counting,and now she has gone ut for a tour across Canada once more,returning in July. Meanwhile book of hers has appeared,and is selling like hot cakes. It is alled "Unnoticed London",and is published by Dent & Sons,price 4/6d. t is the most delightful vade mecum for a beginning of the know- edge of that city - a full knowledge of which can never be humanly chieved. I want all Branches,please,to profit by it and help it n whatever way they can By her own most generous act this help

will return to Toc H.,for a substantial percentage of the profits on the book is to be ours. This thoughtful gift is just the kind of thing which stresses once more the need of making Toc H.,ever deeper and more fruitful in its work and worthier of the wonderful help that continues to come to it.

P.B.C.

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SOUTHAMPTON TOC H.

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A very jolly party of 22 Members turned up on the 8th.April to welcome Tubby on his return from the Canadian Tour.
Previously,in the early hours of the morning,three of us had foregathered at the Docks to make sure Tubby did not slip off the "Olympic" and escape out of the town. Eventually,after a long wait the boat pushed her way through the haze and then began a straining of necks to see which one of us should be the first to spot Tubby amongst the many faces appearing over the side of the vessel away up in the sky,but no one was lucky so we concluded he was still in bed.
Unfortunately we were not allowed on board so we could not go up and dig him out,but had to content ourselves with another long wait which was not relieved by the arrival of the Fire Brigade or Town Band,though why both these institutions were absent on such a momentous occasion is still a vast mystery. Eventually Tubby's beaming face appeared at the top of the stairway looking very conspicuous with a big white patch above one eye,a sign that he had travelled by the White Star Line,or perhaps it was to show that he had come back to fight Beckett.
The usual difficulty was experienced in keeping him in Southampton all day as he wanted to fly off to Beaulieu in a car which he had wheedled out of some old lady. However,by dumping him and his luggage (10 bags. sh!!!) in a taxi which broke down twice on the journey,he was conveyed to Padre Bate's house when he at once took command of the telephone and the trunk lines for two hours.
The tea party was a great success and the presence of two Portsmouth Members and one from London was very much appreciated. Tubby was in great form,but to our sorrow,he rushed off at a very early hour to catch the steamer for Hythe on his way home.
Our next big Meeting takes place on Saturday,May 20th.at PEAR TREE VICARAGE,WOOLSTON,SOUTHAMPTON,when the Vicar has promised us the use of his Tennis Court. Any Members will be very welcome.

F.C.

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CHELTENHAM TOC H.

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Forthcoming fixtures to be held at the CLARENCE RESTAURANT,

Thursday, 11th.May.	Monday, 12th.June.
Friday, 26th.May.	Tuesday,27th.June.

8th.March 1922. Barkis,otherwise Barclay Baron,drew a big house and he and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was his first visit to this Branch,but we sincerely hope it won't be his last.

27th.March. Farewells are much too common of late. The latest and worst wrench was Pat Leonard's.
Over forty Members turned up to bid him God speed. Every effort was made to make the evening a cheery one. The Branch again collected a piano and harmony and song were the order of the evening. Sexty one of the blind St.Dunstan's Boys sang well and was vociferously encored. His "Cobbler's Song" from "Chu Chin Chow" was a great effort. Ingram and Bailey again shared honours at the piano. E.H.Williams was also in great form.

Before supper was cleared,the Hon.Secretary briefly alluded to Pat Leonard's departure and paid a sincere tribute to the help which he had received from him - the success of the Branch is largely due to his help and influence.
Pat,in a short characteristic speech,congratulated us on the growth of the Branch. He prophesied it would soon have to meet in the Town Hall,and asked us to advise him of that historic occasion and he would come down on the eventful day. He warmly invited all who could to attend the Housewarming at Manchester on the 29th.April. "Rogerum" which is now sung at every Meeting went with its usual vim and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow","Auld Lang Syne" and "The King" brought a memorable evening to a close.

E.C.G.

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BRIGHTON BRANCH.

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At the last Meeting it was unanimously decided that,in view of certain economic arrangements with my lady hostess,there should,in future,be a heavy fine imposed upon Members for non-attendance at monthly meetings.
Brighton,Beware!
Next Meeting,Wednesday,May 17th.at 7.45 p.m. at 26 QUEENS ROAD, (Station Approach).

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MANCHESTER TOC H.

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Address:- "Gartness",Upper Park Road,Victoria Park.

By the time this appears in print the first Guest Night in the Manchester House will have come and passed. We are officially informed that three Members from the London Branch,one from Leicester and,need we say it,two from the Cheltenham Branch,have signified their intention of being present for this occasion.
The Rev.Pat Leonard,the Chaplain of the Manchester Branch and all those places surrounding it,arrived in London on the 24th.on his way to Manchester,complete with about 16 trunks and one small dog called "Spot" who promptly wanted to scrap with the Registrar's massive Irish Collie. After receiving various instructions,which would fill about 300 pages of foolscap,from that other Padre called "Tubby",it is whispered that Pat decided to call at Oxford on his way up with the express intention of drowning his sorrows in ---- water.
We are sure that now Pat has taken up his duties,Toc H.,in Lancashire will advance by leaps and bounds. We are certain that all Members will wish him every success.
Next month we hope to publish a report of the Housewarming at Manchester,also to tell how Pat won his D.S.O.,and last but not least, to give the real facts concerning the report which stated that the Rev.M.P.G.Leonard played Rugby Football for the Army at COLOGNE in 1915.

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CANADIAN BRANCHES.

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We hope in the near future to publish some reports from our Canadian Branches. At the time of going to press we are informed that already the Canadian Headquarters is in existence in Toronto,complete with a Director of Toc H.,for the Dominion,an Hon.Treasurer,and, dare we say it,a Registrar of its own. Tubby tells us that the Canadian Registrar has a much sweeter nature before nine o'clock in the morning than our own bloke possesses.

Besides Toronto, Branches are already in existence in Vancouver, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Montreal. Not bad going this, for three months work.
In the U.S.A., Branches are starting in New York and Philadelphia, but more of this anon from the pen of Tubby.

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We shall be pleased to hear from those Branches who have up to the present, omitted to include the Editor in the list of their friends. Now what about it?

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S P O R T S C L U B.

Strenuous efforts are being made to retain the Sports Ground at New Barnet and it is quite probable that within the next two weeks the decision to go ahead will be made.
Owing mainly to the lack of funds, we have been unable to prepare the ground for Cricket and Tennis so we are afraid that we shall have very little to offer Members in this direction during the coming summer. However, if a certain number of cheerful volunteers are prepared to render assistance on the ground under the direction of the Groundman, during evenings and week-ends from now onwards, it is possible to produce a second rate Cricket pitch and a couple of Tennis Courts in about a month. Volunteers should send their names to the Sports Sec. at Mark 11.
With regard to Cricket, we understand that Toc H., is due to play the City of London School at Catford on Saturday, June 3rd. and that some other games are being arranged. Quite recently we have received names of certain Members who are willing and keen to play for Toc H., we shall now be pleased to hear from others who have not yet written. We hope to give further particulars of fixtures in the next issue of the News Sheet and also once again, information concerning the vexed question of Sports Subscriptions. We have been discreetly silent on this question recently but as the Sports Club now looks as though it is going to revive, we would remind Members that it is only by having a very large Membership of the Sports Section that we shall be able to become self-supporting. We will let the matter rest at that until next month.

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A S S O C I A T I O N F O O T B A L L.

The 'Soccer' XI finished the season on April 15th. with, we are sorry to say, a defeat of 3 goals to 2 by the Bank of England at Roehampton. Team raising during the Easter holiday was rather a difficult business and in the end the XI was made up of a majority of our young Members who all acquited themsleves admirably and were certainly unfortunately to be on the losing side.
We give below the result of the seasons work as far as the 1st. XI is concerned - with regard to the 2nd. XI., we understand that the poor Secretary is still counting the number of goals scored against the side and are assured that the result will not be forthcoming before we go to press. However, we have great hopes for both teams for season 1922 - 23 so we are not worrying.

Played 27. Won 12. Lost 11. Drawn 4. Goals For 68. Goals Against

All Members desiring to assist Toc H., at 'Soccer' next season should send their names to S.M.W. Sheppard at Mark 11., with full information now.

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WARREN HOUSE GOLF COURSE.

S T A N M O R E.

1. Members are requested, in accordance with the original arrangements made between Mrs. Bischoffsheim and Toc H., to take Permits with them when going to play on this Course. It has been reported that this is not being done, nor are Members notifying the Professional, Mr. L. Bates, 11., Glebe Road, Stanmore, Middlesex, of their intention of playing.

2. Will Members visiting the Course, kindly see that the Pavilion is left tidy before they leave. Latterly there has been a tendency to leave newspapers, clubs, etc. about, and Members are reminded that this is a private Pavilion and should be left in an orderly condition.

3. Will Members who are unfortunate enough to remove large pieces of turf instead of hitting the ball, kindly recover and replace same, either before or after they have been successful in placing the said ball on the green. If they do not replace turf, it is most detrimental to the Course, and most annoying to the players coming behind to find their ball buried in some deep grave!!!

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PROPOSED TOC H. GOLF HANDICAP.

Members desiring to enter the above Handicap should send their names and addresses to Mr. J. Manclark Hollis, 4B Auriol Road, Kensington, W.14., on or before May 24th., on which date the list will be closed.

If sufficient entries are forthcoming the above Tournament will be proceeded with, and Mr. Bates, the Professional of the Course, has kindly undertaken to handicap Members.

Full particulars of the Tournament will be forthcoming after the closing date for entries.

There will be no Entrance Fee.

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WANTED - A MUSICIAN

Mr. A.D.C. Fyfe of 63 Patshull Road, N.W.5., writes - "A Boys' Club I am interested in at HAMMERSMITH requires someone to give them instruction in Singing for about one hour on Thursday in each week from 9 until 10. I don't know the first thing about singing myself so am writing to see if any Member of Toc H would undertake the task.
The room in which the boys meet is quite close to Hammersmith Station. The boys are a set of topping fellows averaging 20 years of age."

Will any Member undertake this task? Offers may be sent direct to Mr. Fyfe or the Registrar. We are sure that some Member would be happy to warble to his heart's content.

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It is whispered that the June News Sheet will be a 'pukka' printed Number. Here's hoping!

OBERAMMERGAU YET ONCE MORE.

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The Pilgrims, the the face of the stern ultimation in our first no ice, have resolutely refused to limit themselves to 50. We are grateful for this insubordination, and hereby announce that the li of the party is now 100: there are still a few places available h honestly, not many. The number of the ladies (which has been "wro in mystery" since the beginning) may now be stated as a baker's dozen.

The particular attention of intending Pilgrims is drawn to the fo lowing points:-

1. Finance. The deposit of £1 which definitely books a place in the party is due, as already announced, by June 1st. A few Pilgrims hav already paid up, and it would be a great convenience if more would do so soon, as H.Q. has to expend further money on booking seats etc in advance. Further costs (which may be paid up now, if wished) an

Single railway ticket and 2 nights lodging on journey out.	£2.15.0
Passport (if not already in hand)	7.6
do. visa for Germany	15.0
	£3. 17.6

If Pilgrims are going on to Austria after the Passion Play an Aus trian visa will also be necessary, fee 10/-., if to Italy, an Italian visa, fee 10/-. Cheques should be made payable to Barclay Baron. It is hoped that the sum of £12, already estimated as the cost of the whole trip, may prove too generous. It depends on the vagaries of the German Mark and other incalculable factors. We will only note that one of our Branch Secretaries has just returned from Ge many where he did himself well for 3 weeks on £5.

2. Passports. Have you a passport already? If so, send it along whe you pay your deposit. If not, ask us for a passport application fo and be ready to supply anything up to 6 photographs of yourself, though not necessarily flattering. Everyone must decide before leaving England whether he wishes to visit Austria or any other country as well as Germany. Passports will be procured by H.Q. accordingly.

3. Extensions. Those who can are strongly recommended to prolong th stay in Germany or to go on to other countries. Oberammergau is a most on the frontier of Austria and a very narrow strip of the Au trian Tirol divides it from North Italy. Switzerland is quite nea on the West, but is expensive now owing to adverse exchange. H.Q. will be glad to give what information it can about extensions of the visit, and can certainly suggest some attractive travelling, (Vienna, Innsbruck, Verona, Venice etc.) Make up your mind in good time as accommodation is often very difficult to get in August. More adventurous spirits may be expected to make up little walkin or travelling parties among themselves when we are over there

4. Comfort No one must expect either luxury or Central African dis comfort en route. We shall get beds and quite as much as is good for us to eat and drink Single bedrooms will not in many cases possible, e.g. at Oberammergau itself. We shall hit the happy mean between Chaucer's people on the road to Canterbury and the diamond merchants in the Monte Carlo Pullman. The Toc H., spirit will rul so that a warning against grousing and asking (in vain) for your money back on the journey is not needed.

5. Finally. There will be a rush of things just before we go in any case - so write about your passport, plans, and prejudices as soon as possible. Applicants will be executed is strict rotation

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